

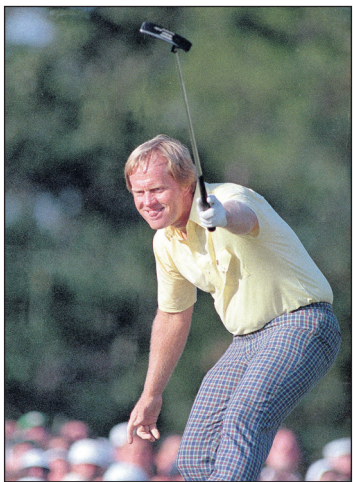
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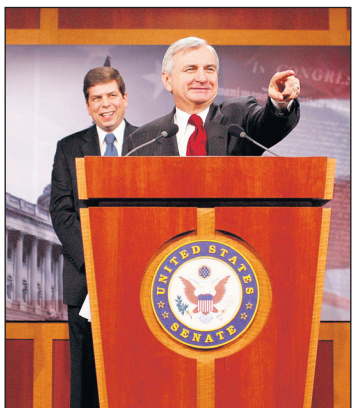
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## US fresh team on War Policy



Sens. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) right, and Mark Begich (D-Alaska) hold a press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Dec. 18, 2009. The departure this summer of Defense Secretary Robert Gates is a chance for President Barack Obama to re-think the dynamic of his national security team, making some of the most critical decisions in his presidency.

(The New York Times)

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## Gadhafi under fire



Rebel fighters fire rockets towards Brega, Libya, on April 6, 2011. On Wednesday, fighting continued on the eastern edge of the strategic oil town as rebels and forces loyal to Col. Moammar Gadhafi traded rocket and artillery fire with neither side advancing.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

## Evidence of abuses under Gadhafi

By DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK

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**ZAWIYAH, Libya** – In the second-floor office of a burned-out police station here, the photographs strewn across the floor spun out the stories of the unlucky prisoners who fell into the custody of the brutal government of Moammar Gadhafi.

Some depicted corpses bearing the marks of torture. One showed scars down the back of a man dressed only in his underwear, another a naked man face down under a sheet with his hands bound. The faces of the dead bore expressions of horror. Other pictures showed puddles of blood, a table of jars, bottles and powders and, in one, a long saw.

In a labyrinthine basement, workers were clearing out burned books and files. One room contained a two-liter bottle of gin. Gesturing into another room that was kept dark, a worker mimicked a gun with his hands and murmured “Gadhafi,” suggesting it was an execution chamber.

Journalists discovered the photographs and re-

cords on an official trip to this devastated city, where Gadhafi forces battled rebels for nearly a week to retake control. They were the latest reminder of the long record of arbitrary violence against civilians that now overshadows the government’s efforts to broker an end to the international airstrikes and domestic rebellion threatening Gadhafi’s four decades in power.

As Gadhafi’s son, Seif al-Islam, promised in a television interview to usher in a new era of constitutional democracy in which his father would be a mere figurehead “like the queen of England,” the prosecutor for the International Criminal Court escalated international pressure on the government by declaring that it had deliberately ordered the killing of civilians in a bid to hold back the democratic revolution sweeping the region.

“We have evidence that after the Tunisia and Egypt conflicts, people in the regime were planning how to control demonstrations in Libya,” the prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, told Reuters. “The shootings of civilians was a predetermined plan.”

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# Obama to get a fresh team on war policy



Secretary of State Colin Powell talks to reporters at the State Department in Washington

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**WASHINGTON** — When President Barack Obama assembled his first national security team, it was quickly dubbed, not always accurately, the “Team of Rivals.” Now that some of its key members are heading for the exits, the question is whether his next war council could be named the “Corps of Consensus.” The departure this summer of Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, arguably the most powerful voice in the Cabinet,

leaves more than an empty seat in the Situation Room. It is a chance for Obama, at a critical moment in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and amid the Arab uprisings, to rethink the dynamic of the group making some of the most critical decisions in his presidency.

Not long after Gates settles into his retirement house in Washington state, the term will expire for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, who, like the defense secretary, was appointed by President George W. Bush. And a week ago, Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg announced that he was leaving for an academic job — removing one of the crucial players in Obama’s efforts to manage China’s rise.

But Gates’ role is the most critical. He often allied with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton — who has said that she intends to leave the administration when this term ends — including persuading Obama to launch the

military buildup in Afghanistan in 2009. Together they won many other battles, but they visibly split last month on the military intervention in Libya. In filling Gates’ chair, will Obama be looking for a close new partner for Clinton or a dissenter who might challenge the course that is already set? White House officials, not surprisingly, will not say. But they acknowledge that Gates, a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency who first worked in the White House when Obama was in junior high school, is an unusual figure. Outsiders say that finding someone who replicates each of Gates’ strengths — or his willingness to disagree with the emerging policy on Libya, as he did in private discussions before Obama’s final decision — will be next to impossible. “Gates has played a unique role,” said Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser under President George Bush and a close friend of the secretary of



Former Mississippi Gov. Ray Mabus at President-elect Barack Obama’s campaign offices in Texarkana, Texas.

(The New York Times)

defense. “And it will be very hard to replace him, not only for his stewardship at defense, but for the balanced approach he was able to bring to the foreign policy debates, the fact that he is a Republican and the fact that he worked so closely with Hillary.” From the White House to the Pentagon, names of leading candidates are emerging, but it is unclear if any have deep support in the Oval Office. The front-runner

is clearly the CIA director, Leon E. Panetta, which could open his job for Gen. David H. Petraeus, now the commander in Afghanistan. (An argument for appointing the general, who has had a sometimes strained relationship with the president, is that it could occupy a potential outside critic with an important government job.)

An oft-discussed alternative would be moving Ray Mabus, now the secretary of the Navy, to Gates’ job; his unusual resume ranges from the Gulf of Mexico to the Persian Gulf. (He was governor of Mississippi and ambassador to Saudi Arabia.) A more mainstream choice would be John J. Hamre, who was deputy defense secretary under President Bill Clinton, or even Colin L. Powell or Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. and a former Army paratrooper. And there is also discussion about whether Gen. James E. Cartwright, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs and one of Obama’s favorite strategists, might be promoted to chairman despite concerns among fellow senior officers about his command and decision-making style. The “Team of Rivals” notion emerged early in Obama’s search for a national security team, a reference to the Cabinet that Lincoln assembled at the opening of the Civil War. Since Hillary Clinton competed with Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination for president, the phrase had an instant appeal, but it was never a precise fit. □

## GADHAFI UNDER FIRE

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In the rebel-held city of Misrata in western Libya and on the eastern front with the rebels around the oil town of Brega, Gadhafi forces continued to hammer rebels with rockets, artillery and mortars, as rebel leaders expressed exasperation at the limits of NATO’s support.

In Brussels, Brig. Gen. Mark van Uhm of NATO said Tuesday that Western airstrikes had destroyed about 30 percent of Gadhafi’s military power.

But Gen. Abdul Fattah Younes, the head of the rebel army, lashed out at his Western allies during a news conference in Benghazi, accusing NATO of tardiness and indecision.

“What is NATO doing?” he asked. “Civilians are dying every day.

They use the excuse of collateral damage.”

He charged that NATO was enforcing the U.N.-sanctioned no-fly zone too equally, barring the rebels from providing cover for their troops with the few warplanes he said they had repaired.

“They said, ‘No, don’t use your planes,’” he said.

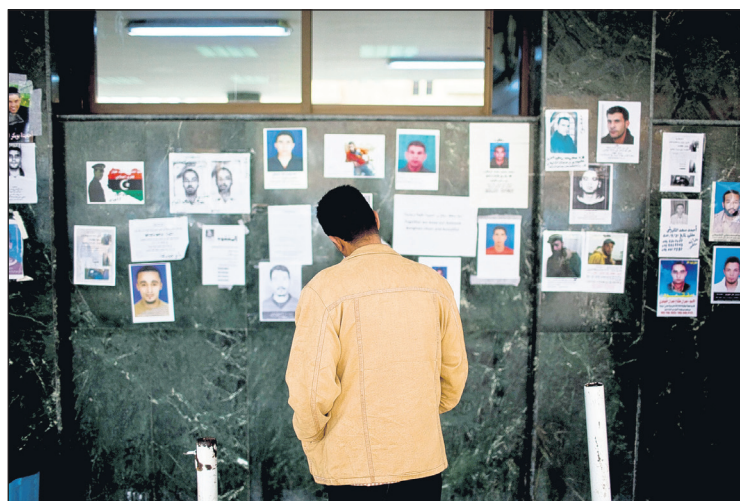
Younes also charged that Gadhafi forces had attacked oil installations in southeastern Libya “to deprive the Libyan people from their right of selling the oil.”

He said the damage was “not significant.”

Nor was there any sign Tuesday of the air power that two weeks ago sent the loyalist forces reeling toward the Gadhafi stronghold of Surt.

Instead, they hammered rebels once again along the coastal road around the strategic oil town of Brega, more than 100 miles to the east.

On Tuesday the Gadhafi forces reversed some minor rebel gains with rocket attacks and pushed vehicle patrols northeast from their positions. They forced the rebels to withdraw nearly to Ajdabiya, to be safely out of the superior range of the loyalist forces’ weapons.



A man checks posters of missing people on a wall outside a hospital in Benghazi, Libya, on April 6, 2011. On Wednesday, fighting continued on the eastern edge of Brega as rebels and forces loyal to Col. Moammar Gadhafi traded rocket and artillery fire with neither side advancing.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

Resting on dunes and knolls, soldiers peered down the road toward Brega nervously. They said that it appeared that the Gadhafi forces, less pressured now by airstrikes, had managed to resupply their forward troops and were emboldened and dangerous.

The rebels had pulled back so quickly under fire that their casualties Tuesday were light, said Dr. Habib Multadi, who was organizing the evacuation of wounded from the front. But as cargo trucks moved more ammunition forward at dusk, their force seemed stuck.

In the rebel capital, Benghazi, a military spokesman said he was not ashamed to admit that the rebel forces needed help.

“To your people I would like to say, ‘Don’t leave us,’” the spokesman, Col. Ahmed Omar Bani, said in an interview. “We need support. We need your support.” □

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## U.S. officials doubted nuclear safety plans

By Scott Malone

Associated Press

**BOSTON** — U.S. regulators privately have expressed doubts that some of the nation's nuclear power plants are prepared for a Fukushima-scale disaster, undercutting their public confidence since Japan's nuclear crisis began, documents released by an independent safety watchdog group show.

Internal Nuclear Regulatory Commission e-mails and memos obtained by the Union of Concerned Scientists questioned the adequacy of the back-up plans to keep reactor cooling systems running if off-site power were lost for an extended period.

Those concerns seem to contrast with the confidence U.S. regulators and industry officials have publicly expressed

after the world's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl began to unfold on March 11, UCS officials said on Wednesday.

"While the NRC and the nuclear industry have been reassuring Americans that there is nothing to worry about -- that we can do a better job dealing with a nuclear disaster like the one that just happened in Japan -- it turns out that privately NRC senior analysts are not so sure," said Edwin Lyman, a UCS nuclear expert.

The e-mails in question are part of an NRC review of how the operators of nuclear plants in Delta, Pennsylvania, and Surry County, Virginia, would cope with a prolonged power outage that knocked cooling systems offline, as occurred at the Tokyo Electric Power Co-operated Fukushima plant.

In a July 28, 2010, e-mail, one NRC staffer said that contingency plans for Exelon Corp's Peach Bottom nuclear plant in Delta "have really not been reviewed to ensure that they will work to mitigate severe accidents." Another document, undated, said backup plans included just having equipment on the plant grounds that could be useful "when used by knowledgeable operators if post-event conditions allow."

The document went on to note: "If little is known about these post-event conditions, then assuming success is speculative." A nuclear industry lobbying group criticized the UCS' disclosures. "UCS conveniently missed the point of a Nuclear Regulatory Commission study," said Steve Kerekes, a spokesman for the Nuclear Energy Institute. □



The Three Mile Island nuclear power plant is seen across the Susquehanna River in Middletown, Pennsylvania.

In Ohio

## Bill to allow recall against legislators

By Jo Ingles

Associated Press

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Ohio Democratic legislators are proposing a bill that would allow voters to recall Governor John Kasich, who has signed a controversial bill limiting collective bargaining for public workers.

State Representative John Hagen said voters in 17 states, including Wisconsin, where a similar bill was passed, can recall their governors or state legislators.

Hagen's bill would allow Ohio voters to undertake a recall effort if they gather petition signatures of voters equal to 15 percent of the total votes for governor or in

a particular legislative district in the last election.

Republicans have majorities in both houses of the Ohio state legislature.

Kasich has been under fire not just for the collective bargaining bill, but for cutting aid to schools, universities and local governments in his proposed two-year budget.

A March Quinnipiac University poll found Ohio voters disapprove by 46 to 30 percent the way the first-term Republican is doing his job.

Kasich said he sees the Democrat-led bill as nothing more than politics.

"My whole purpose is to fix this state," said Kasich, noting he is trying to close an



Ohio Gov. John Kasich talks about Senate Bill 5 before signing it into law in Columbus, Ohio.

\$8 billion deficit. "When you take a look at what we did over the period of the last 90 days, it's pretty remarkable." Recall efforts are underway in Wisconsin against 16 state senators, 8 from each party. First-term Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, who signed the controversial union legislation, cannot yet face recall because state rules require that he be in office for at least a year. □

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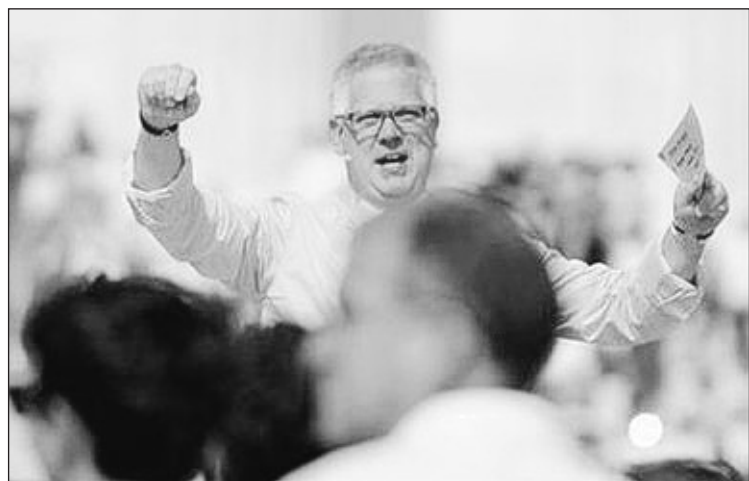
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# Glenn Beck to leave Fox News daily show



TV commentator Glenn Beck pumps his fists as he stands on the steps in front of the Lincoln Memorial to address supporters at his Restoring Honor rally on the National Mall in Washington.

**NEW YORK** — Conservative television host Glenn Beck is leaving his daily television show with cable channel Fox News, amid falling ratings. The controversial 47-year-old radio and television host “intends to transition off of his daily program,” called “Glenn Beck,” later this year, Fox News and Beck’s production company, Mercury Radio Arts, said in a joint statement on Wednesday. Fox said Beck will “develop and produce a variety of television projects” for Fox News and other platforms in the future, but did not give details. Beck’s show draws an average of about 1.9 million viewers, dwarfing the ratings for

other cable news shows in the time slot. But his ratings for the first quarter of this year are down 30 percent in average viewership. In the coveted cable news demographic of viewers ages 25 to 54, his ratings have fallen nearly 40 percent. Beck, a libertarian and a favorite of the Tea Party political movement, was a key speaker at a huge “Restoring Honor” public rally in Washington last year. But his scathing comments on topics ranging from global warming to political conspiracy theories have proved controversial and seen him lampooned by other TV hosts, notably Jon Stewart at Comedy Central. □

White House says

## Shutdown will delay pay to troops

By RICHARD LARDNER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Obama administration warned Wednesday that a federal shutdown would undermine the economic recovery, delay pay to U.S. troops fighting in three wars, slow the processing of tax returns and limit small business loans and government-backed mortgages during peak home buying season.

The dire message, delivered two days before the federal government’s spending authority expires, appeared aimed at jolting congressional Republicans into a budget compromise. Billions of dollars apart, congressional negotiators were working to strike a deal by Friday to avert a shutdown by setting spending limits through the end of September. The last such shutdown took place 15 years ago and lasted 21 days.

President Barack Obama telephoned House Speaker John Boehner on Wednesday, and Boehner’s office said the speaker told Obama he was hopeful a deal could be reached.

As the talks continued, the White House sought to put the prospect of a shutdown in terms people would care about, warning even that



Visitors gather in the main entrance of the National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall in Washington, Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

the beloved National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in the nation’s capital would be wiped out. The Smithsonian Institution and national parks around the country would also be closed.

A shutdown would come at an especially busy time for the Smithsonian. The Cherry Blossom Festival, which concludes this weekend, draws many tourists to an area near the museums. The Smithsonian counts about 3 million visits each April and has already sold 23,000 IMAX movie and lunch combos to school groups for the month.

Under long-standing federal rules, agencies would not be affected that provide for U.S. national security, dispense most types of federal benefit payments, offer inpatient medical care or outpatient

emergency care, ensure the safe use of food and drugs, manage air traffic, protect and monitor borders and coastlines, guard prisoners, conduct criminal investigations and law enforcement, oversee power distribution and oversee banks.

Mail deliveries would continue in the event of a shutdown. U.S. postal operations are not subsidized by tax dollars.

According to the shutdown scenario described by the administration, the government would have to significantly cut staffing across the executive branch, including workers at the White House and civilian employees at the Defense Department; close to 800,000 workers would be affected. Congress and the federal court system will also be subject to a shutdown. □

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## Friday most popular day for bank robberies



Masked robbers in a bank.

**NEW YORK** – Bank robberies in the United States take place most often in mid-morning, on Fridays and in southern and western states, according to government statistics released on Tuesday.

Robbers stole slightly more than \$43 million last year nationwide in 5,546 robberies of banks, credit unions and other financial institutions, statistics released by the FBI showed. The South led the way with 1,790 bank robberies, followed by the West with 1,691. California had the most robberies at 805, followed by Texas with 464. North Dakota, where there were two bank robberies, had the least.

Overall, there were 5,628 reported bank crimes the 5,546 robberies along with 74 burglaries, eight larcenies and 13 extortions of financial institutions.

That marked a decrease from 2009, when there were 6,065 such crimes reported, the FBI said.

The FBI does not speculate on why such a decrease occurred, said spokeswoman Denise Ballew.

Most robberies took place at bank counters and involved notes demanding money and threats of weapons, the statistics showed.

Nearly all of the \$43 million haul was cash, and about \$8 million was later recovered, the FBI said. □

## Gay judge never considered dropping Proposition 8 case

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The judge who struck down California's gay marriage ban never considered his own homosexuality as a reason to recuse himself from the case, he said on Wednesday. Former U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, who retired from the bench at the end of February, said it would not be appropriate for any judge's sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin or gender to stop them from presiding over a case.

"That's a very slippery slope," Walker said.

The talk to a handful of reporters was Walker's first public comments to reporters about presiding over the lawsuit challenging to Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in California. Walker struck down the ban as unconstitutional, and the case is currently on appeal.

It was also the first time Walker publicly acknowledged his own sexual orientation. Walker said he has been in a relationship with the man for 10 years. "He is a physician," Walker said.

Walker is a Midwesterner, born in 1944 in Watseka, Illinois, about 90 miles south of Chicago.

He worked for years at one of San Francisco's top law firms before being nominated to the federal bench in 1989 by George H.W. Bush. □

# Turkey farm exploited, abused disabled workers

By James B. Kelleher  
Associated Press

**CHICAGO** – The U.S. government sued a Texas-based poultry company on Wednesday, alleging the business engaged in a pattern of unlawful discrimination against developmentally disabled workers over more than 20 years.

In a civil suit filed in federal court, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged that Hill Country Farms exploited and abused a group of 31 men with cognitive disabilities in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, alleges the company, which also did business as Henry's Turkey Service, paid the workers just \$65 a month to gut turkeys

for a processing plant in West Liberty, Iowa.

The defendants were contractors and did not own or operate the plant. Much of the abuse cited in the complaint was alleged to have occurred in Atalissa, Iowa, in a bunkhouse where the men, who were brought to Iowa from Texas, were housed.

David Scieszinski, the attorney representing the company, said he had not seen the complaint, and did not have an immediate comment.

In addition to the claim of discriminatory wages, the EEOC complaint alleges Henry's Turkey subjected the workers to illegal verbal and physical harassment, calling them "retarded," "dumb ass" and "stupid," and physical abuse including corporal punishment. The complaint also charges

the company restricted the men's freedom of movement, in one case handcuffing a worker, required them to live in sub-standard living housing, and failed to provide adequate medical care when needed. The U.S. Department of Labor has filed a separate complaint against the company in the case, alleging violations of the federal minimum wage and overtime laws.

The EEOC complaint seeks a number of penalties including back pay with interest as well as compensatory and punitive damages.

Last month, the state of Iowa fined Hill Country Farms more than \$1.1 million for various violations of state law related to the case.

The workers were taken into protective custody by the state of Iowa two years ago. □

## Grandmother sentenced to jail in voodoo burning case

**NEW YORK** – An elderly woman was sentenced on Wednesday to up to three years in prison for failing to help her 6-year-old granddaughter when she caught fire during a voodoo ritual, authorities said.

Sylvénie Thessier, 72, had pleaded guilty in state Supreme Court in Queens last month to reckless endangerment for failing to call for help after Frantzci Saintil was badly burned in the February 2009 fire. The child suffered life-threatening burns to more than 25 percent of her body, including her face, legs and torso. Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Frantzcia's mother poured an accelerant on the child's head and in a circle on the floor as part of a voodoo ceremony called "Loa". Frantzcia caught fire after her mother attempted to put her inside the blazing ring. Prosecutors allege that Thess-



Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

ier did not do anything to help her granddaughter despite being home and hearing the child's panicked cries for help. Two days later, Frantzcia was finally hospitalized at the behest of another relative. "This case is a tragic example of how a person expected to care for a child and keep her out of harm's way did just the opposite when she stood idly by as her daughter allegedly burned her granddaughter during an alleged voodoo

ritual despite the child's cries and the severity of her injuries," the district attorney said.

Frantzcia's mother, Marie Lauradin, 31, is awaiting trial on assault and child endangerment charges.

In February, another voodoo ritual mishap led to the death of a woman and injured 20 firefighters after a Brooklyn apartment building caught fire from candles used in the ceremony. □

## In Massachusetts

## Body found at camp after abuse



District Attorney  
Michael O'Keefe.

**BOSTON** – Police were investigating an apparent suicide at a Cape Cod camp by a man who was the subject of an allegation of sexual abuse, authorities said on Wednesday.

A male body was found in a vehicle in a wooded area on the grounds of Camp Good News, according to a statement by Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael

O'Keefe. Authorities said the victim apparently died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police did not identify the man, but the statement said he was an employee of Camp Good News and the subject of an allegation of abuse.

A 35-year-old man recently said he was repeatedly sexually molested at the camp when he was about 10 years old, said his attorney in Boston, Mitchell Garabedian.

The man was inspired to come forward by Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown's revelations about his sexual abuse as a young camper, Garabedian said.

Brown said in a recent book "Against All Odds" that as a child he was sexually abused several times by a camp coun-

selor who threatened to kill him if he told anyone.

Brown did not name the camp he attended, and his office declined to comment on the apparent suicide investigation.

Camp Good News has acknowledged previously that Brown was a former camper.

Garabedian said state police were investigating the alleged abuse and would be meeting with his client.

Authorities said any abuse allegations related to the camp would remain under investigation despite the apparent suicide.

Camp Good News said in a statement it had been notified of the discovery of the body and was awaiting identification before issuing any further comments. □

## Ohio Senate

## Bill limiting abortion after 20 weeks passed



Unwanted pregnancy

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – A bill that would require doctors to determine the viability of an unborn child if a woman seeks an abortion after 20 weeks passed the Ohio Senate on Wednesday. "Soon, abortionists will no longer be able to perform these brutal late-term abortions when the child can feel pain," said Mike Gonidakis, executive director of Ohio Right to Life. "That will be a true victory for human rights."

Gonidakis said a doctor seeking to perform an abortion has to determine viability at 20 weeks and get a second opinion from another doctor, and abortion would not be allowed if the fetus was found capable of surviving outside the womb. Exceptions would be made if the pregnant woman faces death or severe health impairment, Gonidakis said.

The bill passed by a 24-8 vote in the Republican-majority Senate. The Ohio House also has a Republican majority. NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio executive director Kellie Copeland said the bill's health exception is "dangerously narrow" and harms women with wanted pregnancies who experience "heart-breaking complications," such as fetal anomaly or a cancer diagnosis. □

## Police arrest 2 suspects

## Breakthrough in Arizona teen's death

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Two 18-year-olds face murder charges in the dragging death of a 16-year-old girl.

Glendale police identify the suspects as Lino Chavez and Jose Solis Apodaca. The pair was arrested for the April 5 death of Anita Munoz (MOON'-yohz), a student at a suburban Phoenix high school.

Court paperwork says Chavez was arrested and booked for first-degree murder. The court ordered him held on \$500,000 bond.

Apodaca is being held without bond. He faces first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and trafficking in stolen property.

It was not immediately clear whether the suspects had lawyers.

Police think the pair robbed Munoz of her laptop March 30.

After struggling with the girl, detectives think, the suspects tried to drive away and the teen either fell or was pushed from a vehicle in Glendale. □

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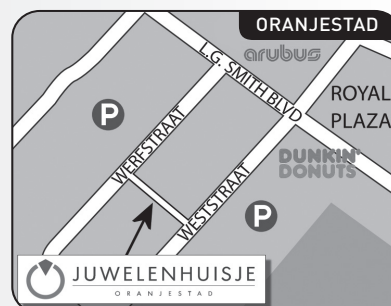
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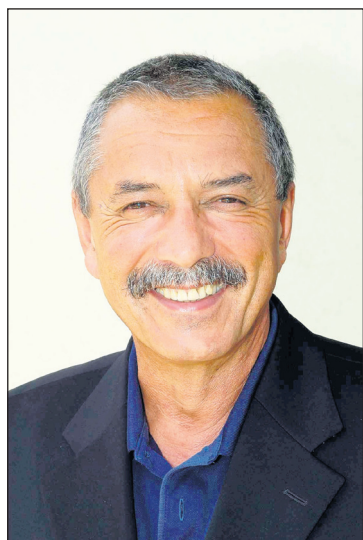
# Hilario Angela College receives facelift

SAN NICOLAS – Hilario Angela College in San Nicolas, an elementary school in the local public school system received a much-needed helping

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*In Paris*

## Biemans to speak at Green Summit



Ewald Biemans

**EAGLE BEACH** – Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts owner and Chief Environmental Officer (CEO), Ewald Biemans, will be a featured speaker and panelist during the Green Globe Summit taking place May 27-30, 2011 in Paris, France. This global event brings together the world's most important thinkers, industry leaders and activists to present their ideas, innovations and best practices for a more sustainable tourism industry.

During the summit, Mr. Biemans will explain the importance and benefits of sustainability certification for the operation and global marketing of a hotel, and the ways in which Green Globe helps maintain the resort's prominence in a competitive market place. Bucuti & Tara Beach

Resorts is Green Globe's highest rated certified business for sustainable management and operations.

It is an honor to be able to share with the global market some of the challenges and success that I have encountered over time," said Mr. Biemans. "I believe that the tourism industry should take the reins and lead sustainability efforts because there is a great opportunity to educate a world of travelers about the importance of protecting our resources and our biodiversity."

Mr. Biemans has spearheaded sustainable tourism efforts in Aruba for the past 25 years. Recipient of more than two dozen environmental awards and certifications, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts has helped to raise a new consciousness in sustainable tourism for the local industry as well as for the people of Aruba.

Other speakers include: keynote speaker, Professor Geoffrey Lipman; Erika Harms, Executive Director of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) and Senior Advisor on Tourism at the United Nations Foundation (UNF); and Amos Bien, Technical Director of the Global Tourism Sustainability Council (GSTC). □



painting and fixing.

One of the teachers, Patricia Senchi, originally went to the resort for some help with a class project.

When asked about the school's situation she poured out her heart about the deplorable state of repair and maintenance. La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club listened and following a close evaluation decided that indeed, a face lift is required, and feasible.

In collaboration with Fantastic Gardens, Aruba's plant



people, associates armed with paint, brushes and brooms, took over the school soliciting and receiving the students' help.

The effort was also joined by school teachers and some parents from the neighborhood, who rolled up their sleeves for a good cause.

Pictured here the talented group in action, also receiving a certificate of appreciation from the school. Hilario Angela College in San Nicolas is located in a lower middle class neighborhood, and is struggling to maintain high quality education and care for the students in the face of budget cuts and economic hardship. □

*In seeking to better serve Aruba's guests*

# ATSA discusses improved Internet service options with SETAR

**PALM BEACH** - As part of its ongoing project plan, in contributing to Aruba's product improvements as well as in better serving Aruba's extensive community of timeshare owners, the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) recently met with Aruba's leading telecommunications provider SETAR in discussing its advanced Internet service options.

ATSA President Jan van Nes welcomed SETAR Executives Sandra Diaz-Kelly, Harold Semeleer and Ricky Croes for a discussion of how timeshare resorts may better meet guests' expectations in providing a reliable connection to home and work while vacationing in Aruba.

The prevalence of the greater use of iPods, notebooks, Blackberries, roaming cellular phones and laptops among Aruba's guests have resulted in both ATSA as well as SETAR seeking the similar goal of providing uninterrupted Internet connectivity. SETAR's Business Developer Executive Harold Semeleer explained that greater bandwidth and new fiber lines are helping to meet increasing demand in an environment where reliable WiFi access is now viewed as a necessity among travelers.

Among timeshare owners, who enjoy extended vacations on Aruba, the ability to stay connected is often even more important.

The recent meeting with SETAR represented only one way in which ATSA is seeking to improve the guest experience on Aruba. Ongoing projects including the OPC certification training sessions launched by ATSA earlier this year. Roy Mezas, a veteran trainer and company coach, reported on the positive progress of the sessions that will lead to the certification of salespeople who are often the first contact for potential timeshare owners.

These off-property contacts remain one of Aruba's main means of introducing visitors to Aruba's quality timeshare product and in generating property tours.

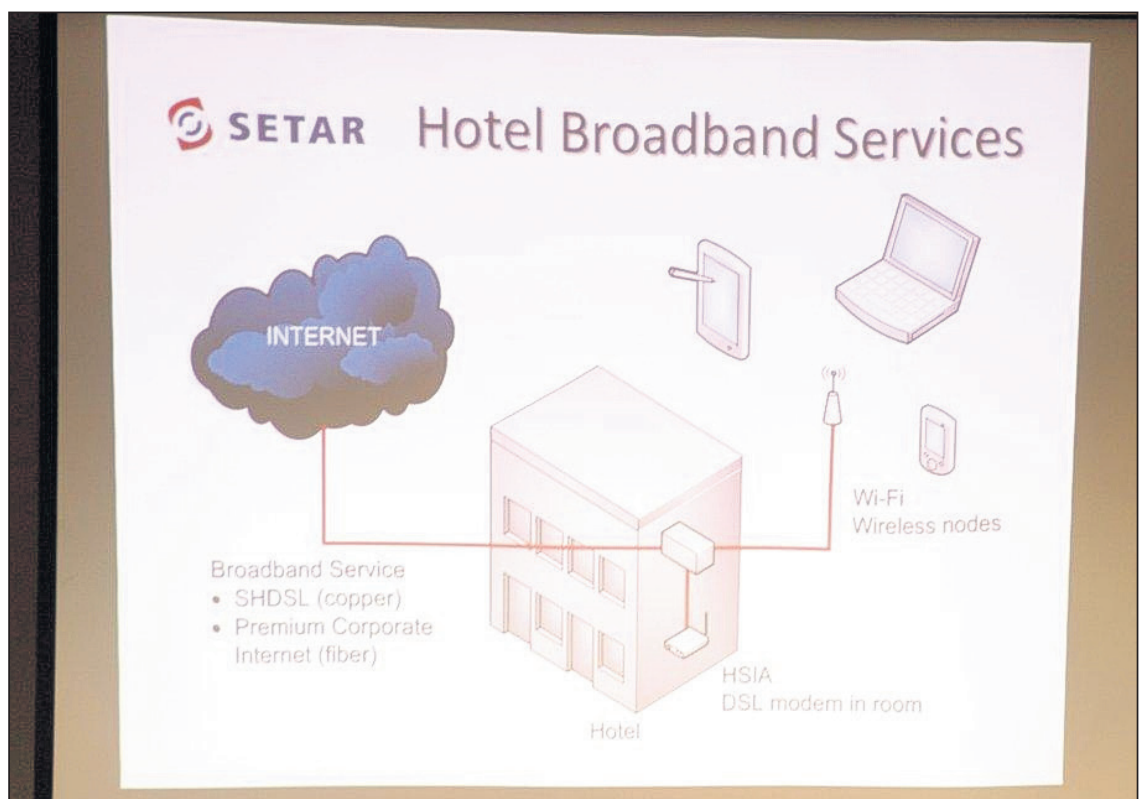
ATSA also received an update from Susan Ruiter, the new owner of Aruba Experience Publications, which produces the hard- and soft-cover Aruba Experience magazines that remain an important and entertaining resource for visitors on all that the island has to offer.

ATSA is an advocate for Aruba's timeshare industry -- which counts approximately 3,900 timeshare units -- as well as for the island's tourism industry, in general.

ATSA Treasurer Andy Osbourne recently represented the island during the 31st ARDA Congress held in Orlando, Florida on March 27 - 31. □



Pictures depict Mr. Semeleer during the recent Q&A session held with ATSA members.



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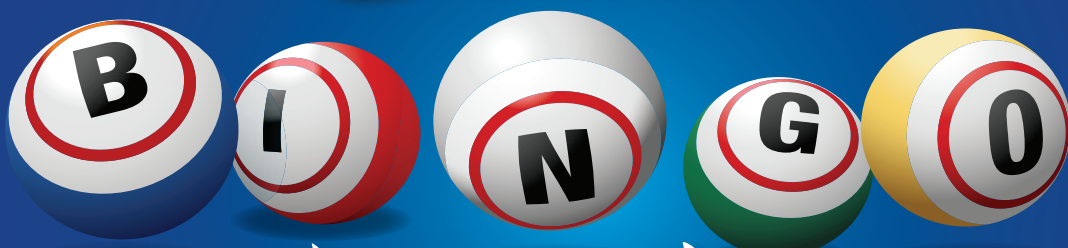
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# Arion Wine Company thanks Papiamento Restaurant



**NOORD** - Papiamento Restaurant gets a heartfelt 'thank you' from Arion Wine Company for its incredible support during the recently held Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Golf Tournament. The seventh edition of this popular annual event was once again 'one of the best ever', as several participants professed, and Eduard Ellis of Papiamento Restaurant and his staff were ab-

solutely great. The welcome reception, held on Friday, April 1 in the intimate garden next to the historic mansion, was a blast. And the tournament only saw happy faces. Papiamento Restaurant is instrumental for the event, as it is one of the three main sponsors. Together with Wente Vineyards and Arion Wine Company it generously supports a worthwhile local char-



ity. Arion Wine Company organizes the event and looks for sponsors, who each adopt a hole for \$ 300.--; this entire amount, together with the registration fee of the golfers, goes towards the chosen char-

ity. For 2011 this was the Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad; the foundation which helps families in dire straits. Photos show the Ellis family at the Tierra del Sol golf course right before the shot-

gun start of the 2011 Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant golf tournament and the family together with Eric Wente of Wente Vineyards, Govert van der Hout of Arion Wine Company. □



## CEO of Wente Vineyards

## Eric Wente enjoys Radisson hospitality

**PALM BEACH** - Eric Wente visited Aruba for an activity-packed weekend just recently. The fourth generation wine maker at Wente Vineyards was the guest of Arion Wine Company, the local distributor of his fine California wines, here.

He came to the island to participate in the 7th annual Wente Vineyards - Papiamento Restaurant Golf tournament, which took place on April 2nd at Tierra del Sol Golf Course. While on the island Wente hosted a welcome reception for all players, sponsors and clients of Arion Wine Company at Papiamento Restaurant, he also guided a special wine tasting at El Gaucho Argentine Grill.

For the Wente Vineyards - Papiamento Restaurant Golf tournament, Eric Wente teamed up with his hotel host, General Manager Rob Smith, as he stayed at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa this time.

Wente reports he enjoyed his



resort stay, and appreciated spending quality time with Smith on the golf course. The tournament was designed to raise funds for Fundacion pa Nos Comunidad this year. The tournament picks a worthy cause each year, and hands over an annual check to a different not-for-profit founda-

tion. See more info about Wente on [www.wentevineyards.com](http://www.wentevineyards.com) Pictured here Eric Wente, Rob Smith, Tierra del Sol's golf pro Adam Williamson and Arion Wine Company's Govert van der Hout and the representative of Fundacion pa Nos Comunidad. □



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*After nuclear leak*

## Japan focuses on hydrogen buildup

By Chizu Nomiyama  
Associated Press

**TOKYO** – Japan began pumping nitrogen gas into a crippled nuclear reactor, re-focusing the fight against the world's worst nuclear disaster in 25 years on preventing an explosive buildup of hydrogen gas at Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

Workers started injecting nitrogen into the containment vessel of reactor No. 1 on Wednesday night, following a morning breakthrough in stopping highly radioactive water leaking into the sea at another reactor in the six-reactor complex.

"It is necessary to inject nitrogen gas into the containment vessel and eliminate the po-

tential for a hydrogen explosion," an official of plant operator Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) told a news briefing.

The possibility of another hydrogen explosion like those that ripped through reactors 1 and 3 early in the crisis, spreading high levels of radiation into the air, was "extremely low," he said.

But TEPCO suspected that the outside casing of the reactor vessel was damaged, said the official. "Under these conditions, if we continue cooling the reactors with water, the hydrogen leaking from the reactor vessel to the containment vessel could accumulate and could reach a point where it could explode," he added. □

## North Korea considering more attacks

**WASHINGTON** – North Korea may be considering additional attacks and provocations, a top U.S. general told Congress on Wednesday, adding Washington needed to be prepared to respond appropriately if necessary.

"I do worry that there are additional attacks and provocations that are being considered within North Korea," said the commander of U.S. forces in South Korea, General Walter Sharp.

Tensions with North Korea rose to their highest since the 1950-53 Korean War after last year's sinking of a South Korean warship and the bombarding a South Korean island in the sea off the peninsula's west coast.

Those attacks killed more



South Korean soldiers patrol along the fence near the demilitarized zone separating the two Koreas in Paju, north of Seoul.

than 50 South Koreans. Pyongyang denies any involvement in the sinking and accuses Seoul of goading it into launching the later artillery attack claims dismissed by Seoul and the United States.

Sharp, testifying before the

*In Ivory Coast*

## Attack on Gbagbo bunker repelled

By Tim Cocks  
Associated Press

**ABIDJAN** – Forces loyal to Ivory Coast presidential claimant Alassane Ouattara launched a heavy attack on Wednesday on the bunker where Laurent Gbagbo is holed up but appeared to have been repelled, a Western military source said.

Fighting raged for a third consecutive day in the economic capital Abidjan as Ouattara's forces tried to unseat Gbagbo, who has refused to cede power after losing a November election to Ouattara, according to U.N.-certified results.

The source, who lives near Gbagbo's heavily guarded residence in Abidjan, said fighting had died down in the afternoon and Ouattara's forces had regrouped.

"As I understand it, they tried to take Gbagbo's resi-



A pro-Gbagbo protestor wears a shirt reading in French, 'Emergency Sarkozy kills in Ivory Coast' during a demonstration to condemn French military action in Abidjan next to the French National Assembly in Paris.

dence this morning. The assault failed," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"They could not break through the resistance from all the heavy weapons still hidden around Gbagbo's residence. They pulled back to rethink and replan."

A spokeswoman for Ouattara denied that his forces had retreated but could not provide any details about their offensive and could not say whether fighting continued. Residents earlier reported

gunfire from heavy weapons around the residence, which is defended by youth militias and Gbagbo's presidential guard.

"The fighting is terrible here, the explosions are so heavy my building is shaking," resident Alfred Kouassi told AP.

"We can hear automatic gunfire and also the thud of heavy weapons. There's shooting all over the place. Cars are speeding in all directions and so are the fighters," he said.

The French military said their troops were not involved in the attack, unlike earlier in the week when French and U.N. helicopter air strikes backed the rebels' advance into Abidjan.

Fighting resumed early on Wednesday after negotiations led by the United Nations and France to secure Gbagbo's departure failed, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said.

"The negotiations, which were carried out for hours yesterday between the entourage of Laurent Gbagbo and Ivorian authorities, have failed because of Gbagbo's intransigence," □

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*Anatomy of an Intervention:*

# Why France joined the U.N. action in Abidjan



**Alassane Ouattara waves to supporters shortly after his arrival in the Ivory Coast, at the airport in Abidjan, in this photo.**

**By BRUCE CRUMLEY**  
**Associated Press**

The United Nations' dramatic military operation in the Ivory Coast civil war came at a crucial juncture in the struggle between the country's two Presidents. Over the weekend, forces supporting Alassane Ouattara, the man recognized as president by most of the international community, arrived at Abidjan, the city where both Ouattara and his rival Laurent Gbagbo, the incumbent, were holed out. The Ouattara troops had marched in from their northern strongholds, where they had been rebel troops against the Gbagbo's 10-year old regime until Ouattara recently declared them legitimate and dubbed them the Republican Army. They had swept up most of the country as they moved toward the country's richest city and de facto capital. But on Sunday, April 3, Gbagbo forces rallied and pushed the invaders back out to the margins of the city. It was at that point that U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon wrote to French President Nicolas Sarkozy. In Paris, at the Elysée Palace, Sarkozy gathered with his advisors and key cabinet members to discuss various international situations, including the letter that the French President had gotten that very Sunday from Ban. It asked for Sarkozy's approval

to use French forces to participate in strikes on sites used by forces loyal to Gbagbo. The U.N. had its own forces in Ivory Coast, the United Nations Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (ONOCI) - a police and military force of about 9,000 people. But it could use the 1,650 French soldiers that formed the Licorne mission, which had been deployed since September 2002 under a bilateral Franco-Ivorian defense accord and, in 2004, had been deputized by the U.N. to help stop a civil war that had erupted ahead of national elections that year. Ban's let-

ter to Sarkozy pointed out the massacres of civilian populations carried out by Gbagbo forces, attacks that often used heavy artillery shot into non-military centers.

"As you know," Ban wrote, "the security situation in the Ivory Coast has gravely deteriorated in the last three days." The U.N. Secretary General went on to note that "in these circumstances, it's urgent that I launch necessary military operations... to put heavy arms used against civilian populations out of commission." In making that decision, Ban cited U.N.

Security Council Resolution 1975 that authorized "all means necessary to prevent the use of heavy artillery against the civilian population of the Ivory Coast." Sarkozy gave his permission for the use of Licorne assets. At 8 p.m. on Monday, April 4, as a torrential rain beat down on Abidjan, two UN MI24 helicopters swooped down on the city along with French Puma and Gazelle attack helicopters. They targeted Gbagbo strongholds used to store heavy artillery and munitions. □

## What does Mussa Kussa know?



**A Libyan girl shows a victory gesture with her arm painted with French, U.S., Great Britain, Italian and Qatari flags during a demonstration in Benghazi, Libya.**

**By Mark Whittington**  
**Associated Press**

Mussa Kussa, the Libyan foreign minister who recently defected to Great Britain, certainly has a lot to answer for. British officials are very interested in learning some of the details of Kussa's activities over the past few decades.

Those activities include involvement in assassinating Libyan dissidents and the Lockerbie airline bombing that killed hundreds of people, mostly Americans, in December 1988. Scottish authorities have already applied for permission to question Kussa about Lockerbie.

Thus far, Kussa has not been given immunity from prosecution. But international sanctions restricting his travel and freezing any assets he has in foreign banks have been lifted, a controversial move considering what Kussa is suspected of.

Kussa's presence in Great Britain, not in a jail cell but in a well-guarded safe house, raises an ethical question. What does one do with a person one is pretty sure is a mass murderer but who has valuable intelligence relating to an ongoing war?

Almost 10 years ago, before the dust had settled at Ground Zero where the World Trade Center had stood, the answer would have been simple. It would have been to take Kussa to Guantanamo and waterboard him until he sang. But, of course, we do not do that now and regret having done it then.

What are British and presumably American authorities prepared to give up in order to find out what Kussa knows? Clearly the former Libyan Foreign Minister is not going to give much more than hints until he gets immunity from prosecution. □

### *In Egypt*

## Meanwhile, back at the revolution



**Egyptian street children play in the main market of the Bola'a neighborhood in Cairo, Egypt.**

Of all the democratic uprisings in the Arab world, none is more consequential than the one in Egypt. The most populous of the Arab countries and a historic giant in culture and regional politics, an Egypt that gets it right can serve as a model and stabilizer for this troubled neighborhood.

Since Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak was forced to resign on Feb. 11, progress has been predictably uneven.

On the democratic plus side, voters have overwhelmingly approved amendments to the existing Constitution that open up the political process. A new president will be limited to two terms of four years each and restrictions on the types of candidates have been lifted. Parliamentary elections are due in September, followed by a presidential election. It seems that the interim military council that runs Egypt wants to get out of the governing business as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the hasty voting schedule favors established political groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Mr. Mubarak's National Democratic Party. □

*Official says*

# Portugal needs a bailout



Portuguese Presidente Anibal Cavaco Silva, center, opens a meeting of the State Council, at the Belem presidential palace in Lisbon. Cavaco Silva was expected to call an election for late May or early June after consulting with the council.

By BARRY HATTON  
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Portugal's finance minister said Wednesday his country needs a bail-

out because of its high debts and difficulty raising money on international markets. Fernando Teixeira dos Santos said in written comments to

daily Jornal de Negocios that "I believe it is necessary to resort to the financing mechanisms available in Europe."

Portugal would become the third financially troubled eurozone country after Greece and Ireland to accept assistance from Europe's bailout fund and the International Monetary Fund. Analysts expect Portugal will need up to euro80 billion.

The move had long been expected as Portugal, one of the 17-nation eurozone's smallest and weakest economies, struggled to finance its economy ahead of what is forecast to be a double-dip recession this year.

Portugal's prime minister was due to make a televised statement.

Market confidence in Portugal's financial future has evaporated over the past year as investors bet the country will not be able to manage its debt load on its own. The yield on its 10-year bond, for example, rose to a new euro-era record of 8.78 percent Wednesday.

Even Portugal's short-term borrowing rates are much higher than what it would likely have to pay for bailout loans as the yield on five-year bonds is now 10 percent. By contrast, Irish average interest rates currently under review for a decrease are 5.8 percent for loans with longer maturities.

Over the past year, Portugal has insisted it doesn't want assistance because the terms of a big loan would lock it into austerity measures for years, lowering the standard of living in what is already one of western Europe's poorest countries.

Athens and Dublin were reluctant to accept help for the same reasons.

But authorities have been cornered by the crisis. Rating agencies have downgraded Portuguese bonds to near junk status in recent weeks as new figures showed its debt load is worse than initially thought. □

## Sec. Gates tries to soothe Saudis rattled by unrest



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, talks with Saudi Assistant Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Khalid bin Sultan during a ceremony after Gates' arrival in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

By ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Defense Secretary Robert Gates tried to smooth the worst rift in years with Arab ally and oil producer Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, reassuring the Saudi king that the U.S. remains a steady friend despite support for pro-democracy revolutions in the Middle East.

The Saudi king, looking thin after months of medical treatment in the United States and elsewhere, welcomed Gates for what the Pentagon chief later said was a cordial and

warm visit.

The hospitality masked deep unease among Saudi Arabia's aged leadership about what the political upheaval in the Middle East means for its hold on power, its role as the chief counterweight to a rising Iran, and its changed relationship with the United States.

In a sign of the depth of the Obama administration's concern about the political earthquake that has shaken the region, including the island of Bahrain off Saudi Arabia's Persian Gulf coast, this was Gates' third trip to the area in the past month. □

*Off Coast of Italy*

# Migrant boat sinks, up to 250 missing



Paramedical workers carry an injured refugee as he arrives on the southern Italian island of Lampedusa.

By Daniele Mari  
Associated Press

ROME — Between 130 and 250 people were missing and at least 15 appeared to be dead after a boat carrying refugees from Libya capsized south of Sicily early on Wednesday, coast guard officials and aid workers said.

Rescuers picked up 47 people, including a heavily pregnant woman after the overloaded boat, which left Libya two days ago, sank at 40 miles south of the island of Lampedusa.

According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a migrant assistance agency which has officials on Lampedusa, an Italian fishing boat rescued another three people. Between 15 and 20 bodies were seen in the water, officials said but high winds and rough seas made it difficult for coast guard boats and a police helicopter to operate.

Coast guard officials said the boat had originally been carrying around 200 people but the IOM put the figure as high as 300, of whom it said some 250 were missing.

The incident provided a stark illustration of the dangers run by desperate people who pay about 1,000 euros for a place on one of the overloaded fishing vessels carrying refugees and migrants from Africa.

"The vessel, which was laden beyond capacity, had left the Libyan coast with migrants and asylum seekers from Somalia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Chad and Sudan," IOM said in a statement. "Some 40 women and 5 children were on board. Only two women survived the shipwreck."

Monday, the United Nations refugee agency said more than 400 people fleeing Libya on two boats were missing.

## BORDER CONTROLS

Thousands have crossed so far this year after the collapse of the former Tunisian regime and fighting in Libya brought down strict border checks that had previously barred the way into Europe. Most have been young men from Tunisia, seeking to get to France but in recent days there have been growing numbers of arrivals from Libya, underscoring Italian fears the fighting there could set off a new exodus. IOM said that 2,000 mostly African migrants and asylum seekers had landed in Lampedusa from Libya in the past 10 days.

Lampedusa, roughly midway between Sicily and Tunisia, has been the focal point for the crisis, with some 20,000 illegal migrants arriving this year and overwhelming the infrastructure of the tiny island, which normally lives on fishing and tourism. Thousands were forced to shelter in makeshift tent camps until Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi sought to end the weeks-long emergency by sending ferries to clear the island. □

After Ai Weiwei's arrest

# Chinese author remains undeterred

By David Cohen  
Associated Press

**Beijing CHINA** – A wave of arrests of liberal authors has not quelled China's growing online liberal movement, despite the recent high-profile arrest of artist and activist Ai Weiwei. Although human rights groups are calling the arrests a "crackdown," the determination of bestselling and controversial Chinese novelist Li Chengpeng shows that some critics of the government remain outspoken. Mr. Li, a prominent blogger and the author of a novel that deals with the normally taboo topic of land seizures, says he's not afraid of the government crackdown. As a man, if you're going to do something, you have to face all the con-



Lu Qing, wife of missing avant-garde artist and outspoken government critic Ai Weiwei, listens during an interview in Beijing, China.

sequences. Amnesty International estimates that more than 100 journalists, writers, and activists have been arrested or detained without charges in the past three weeks, following uprisings in the Middle East and calls on the Internet for protests across Chinese cities. Ai Weiwei: Why does he make Chinese authorities nervous? □

# Text of Gadhafi letter to Obama

The Associated Press  
**WASHINGTON** – The following is the text of a letter sent to President Barack Obama on Wednesday by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. The misspellings and grammatical errors are in the original letter.

**Our son, Excellency,  
President Obama  
U.S.A**

We have been hurt more morally that physically because of what had happened against us in both deeds and words by you. Despite all this you will always remain our son whatever happened. We still pray that you continue to be president of the U.S.A. We Endeavour and hope that you will gain victory in the new election campaign. You are a man who has enough courage to annul a wrong and mistaken action. I am sure that you are able to shoulder the responsibility for that. Enough evidence is available, Bearing in mind that you are the president of the strongest power in the world nowadays, and since Nato is waging an unjust war against a small people of a developing country. This country had already been subjected to embargo and sanctions,



Libya's leader Muammar Gaddafi

furthermore it also suffered a direct military armed aggression during Reagan's time. This country is Libya. Hence, to serving world peace. Friendship between our peoples and for the sake of economic, and security cooperation against terror, you are in a position to keep Nato off the Libyan affair for good.

As you know too well democracy and building of civil society cannot be achieved by means of missiles and aircraft, or by backing armed member of AlQuaeda in Benghazi.

You yourself said on many occasions, one of them in the UN General Assembly, I was witness to that personally, that America is not responsible for the security of other

peoples. That America helps only. This is the right logic. Our dear son, Excellency, Baraka Hussein Abu oumama, your intervention is the name of the U.S.A. is a must, so that Nato would withdraw finally from the Libyan affair. Libya should be left to Libyans within the African union frame. The problem now stands as follows:-

1. There is Nato intervention politically as well as military.
2. Terror conducted by AlQuaeda gangs that have been armed in some cities, and by force refused to allow people to go back to their normal life, and carry on with exercising their social people's power as usual.

**Mu'aumer Qaddaffi  
Leader of the Revolution.** □

*Afghan officials:*

# 2-3 men suspected in UN attack

By PATRICK QUINN  
Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan** – Former insurgents who had renounced the Taliban and were in a reintegration program are suspected of taking an assault rifle from a Nepalese guard and opening fire during the anti-Quran-burning riot last week that left seven U.N. workers dead, Afghan officials said Wednesday. Parliamentarian Mohammad Akbari said government investigators have identified three men they believe were involved in the killing of three U.N. staff members and four Nepalese guards in the April 1 attack against the U.N. headquarters in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif. Four protesters also were killed.

The men were arrested the day of the riot. It began as a peaceful demonstration, but after crowds stormed the building and set fires, some protesters seized weapons and started shooting. "They had one Kalashnikov which they took from a guard. They fired, according



A woman reacts, during a memorial ceremony for seven UN workers who were killed in an attack on the UN operations center in Mazar-i-Sharif in Kabul, Afghanistan

to witnesses," said Akbari, who was part of the investigating team. "They have been recognized by witnesses." He did not say how many people the suspects are thought to have killed. It remains unclear how the protesters died. □

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Israel to Germany:

## Drop Palestinian statehood plan



Palestinians gather around the coffin of Israeli Palestinian actor, director, filmmaker and political activist Juliano Mer-Khamis, who was shot dead in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin on Monday.

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will ask Germany's leader in a meeting this week to drop a proposal to endorse a Palestinian state in virtually all of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem as the end point of Mideast negotiations, Israeli officials said Wednesday. Germany, Britain and France support that position, and are expected to bring it up at a meeting of Mideast mediators next week as a way of restarting long-stalled talks. The Palestinians have said they won't resume talks with the hardline Netanyahu unless there's a clear framework and Israel halts all settlement construction in Israeli-occupied lands they want for their state. Netanyahu argues that spelling out the end point would limit Israel's negotiating room and that endorsing Palestinian positions on borders would remove a key incentive for them to restart talks.

Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war.

Netanyahu has said he would not give up east Jerusalem, the Palestinians' hoped-for capital, and has not said how much of the West Bank he is prepared to give up. He has said Israel needs to keep West Bank areas with large Jewish settlements or those close to major Israeli population cen-

ters.

Israel withdrew from Gaza, now under the control of the Islamic militant Hamas, in 2005. Britain's foreign secretary, William Hague, confirmed this week that Britain, France and Germany believe negotiations should be based on "1967 borders, with land swaps, a just settlement for refugees and Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states." Officials close to Netanyahu said he would raise Germany's position with Chancellor Angela Merkel at a meeting in Berlin. □

In Japan

## Tsunami-hit towns forgot warnings from ancestors



A centuries-old tablet that warns of danger of tsunamis stands in the hamlet of Aneyoshi, Iwate Prefecture, Northern Japan. Hundreds of such markers dot the coastline, some more than 600 years old.

In Libya

## Rebels retake land, NATO cites woes

By Alexander Dziadosz

Associated Press

**AL-ARBAEEN, Libya**

Libyan rebels regained ground in a new advance on an oil port on Wednesday but accused NATO of inaction hindering their quest to oust Muammar Gaddafi.

NATO said Gaddafi was making it increasingly difficult for its pilots to carry out air strikes by ensconcing his forces in heavily populated areas and using civilians as human shields.

In their eastern heartland, ill-trained insurgents thrust back westwards toward the contested oil port of Brega, recovering mostly desert terrain lost in a pell-mell retreat from Gaddafi's superior firepower the day before.

Rebels returning to the tiny outpost of al-Arbreen, midway between Brega and their frontline town of Ajdabiyah, spoke of rocket duels close to Brega's port as both sides strived to end a ragged stalemate in the oil-producing state's civil war.

There was little doubt the



Libyan rebels gather around two loyalist pick-up trucks destroyed by a NATO airstrike. NATO, accused by Libyan rebels of failing to protect civilians in the besieged city of Misrata, has vowed to do everything to protect the population.

rebels had made ground after falling back at least 40 km on Tuesday but it was impossible to verify accounts that they were closing in on Brega once again.

There were reports of mortar and rocket battles near the town on Libya's desolate Mediterranean highway 80 km west of Ajdabiyah. Fighting had resumed at daybreak after government forces were resupplied with ammunition and swung east from Brega, rebel officer Mohamed el-

Masrafy told AP.

"God willing, we are going to try to enter Brega today," said rebel Idriss Abdel Karim, but he and various comrades complained of a lack of support from NATO bombers. "Government forces are scared of NATO air strikes but NATO doesn't bomb anything in the first place," he said.

"There have been no air strikes. We hear the sound, but they don't bomb anything," said Hossam Ahmed, another rebel. □

By JAY ALABASTER

Associated Press

**MIYAKO, Japan** – Modern sea walls failed to protect coastal towns from Japan's destructive tsunami last month. But in the hamlet of Aneyoshi, a single centuries-old tablet saved the day. "High dwellings are the peace and harmony of our descendants," the stone slab reads. "Remember the calamity of the great tsunamis. Do not build any homes below this point."

It was advice the dozen or so households of Aneyoshi heeded, and their homes emerged unscathed from a disaster that flattened low-lying communities elsewhere and killed thousands along Japan's northeastern shore.

Hundreds of such markers dot the coastline, some more than 600 years old. Collectively they form a crude warning system for Japan, whose long coasts along major fault lines have made it a repeated target of earthquakes and tsunamis over the centuries.

The markers don't all indicate where it's safe to

build. Some simply stand or stood, until they were washed away by the tsunami as daily reminders of the risk. "If an earthquake comes, beware of tsunamis," reads one. In the bustle of modern life, many forgot.

More than 12,000 people have been confirmed dead and officials fear the number killed could rise to 25,000 from the March 11 disaster. More than 100,000 are still sheltering in schools and other buildings, almost a month later. A few lucky individuals may move into the first completed units of temporary housing this weekend. Workers at the tsunami-damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power complex finally halted a leak of radioactive water into the Pacific on Wednesday, but it may take months to bring the overheating reactors under control. A natural disaster as large as last month's 9.0 earthquake and tsunami happens perhaps once in a person's lifetime, at most. Tokyo Electric Power Co., the nuclear plant operator, clearly wasn't prepared. □

# Hunting birds of paradise



By **MAUREEN DOWD**  
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You know those moments where You Just Want To Die? I had one at a big New York Times party a decade ago. As the publisher, editors, writers and celebrities mingled at the Four Seasons restaurant in New York, a famous fashion designer suddenly glared at me from across the room. “You!” he yelled, pointing at me in a sartorial “J’accuse” moment, “are wearing the wrong stockings with that dress!” The earth, unfortunately, didn’t swallow me. I had to stay at the party in my offensive black outfit and burning red face. But as I was hanging my head at the bar, something wonderful happened. The legendary Times fashion photographer and Gotham sprite Bill Cunningham was wandering through the crowd, snapping pictures. We’d never met, but he paused briefly, looked approvingly at my lace sheath and took a picture. “Early Suzy Parker,” he murmured about the dress, before melting back into the crowd. I still have not formally met Bill Cunningham, now 82 and still going strong. I wave at him when I see him around Manhattan, a slight, gray-haired man in a tweed cap turned backward, standing sentry outside Barney’s, peddling on his red Schwinn through Times Square or darting around taking pictures at the opera. As on that first night, he always looks happy and busy and kind, a Boston Irish priest of street fashion, an aesthetic meritocrat who moves through New York’s seductive trellis of money, power and status and stays pure somehow. He admires anybody who

looks good, the obscure as well as the famous, the old stylish gals as well as the young, women elegantly draping garbage bags against the storm as well as women in couture. The streets interest him more than the salons. Fashion photography without snobbery: a small miracle. This is a disturbing moment in American culture when financing for public art is under siege and when audiences are ponying up money to boo Charlie Sheen as he talks about throwing away a \$2-million-a-week TV job, taking crack and cavorting with porn stars. A new documentary about Cunningham offers a tonic of simplicity and a paean to women after Sheen’s excesses and contempt for women. Richard Press, the documentary’s director, wrote in New York magazine that he worked on the project for 10 years — eight spent begging “the reluctant fashion deity” to cooperate. He calls Cunningham “a celebration of self-invention” — a contrast with Sheen’s carnival of self-destruction. In a world where conflicts of interest are quaint, Cunningham has a profound sense of ethics. He will not even accept a glass of water at the galas he covers. “I just try to play a straight game, and in New York that’s almost impossible to be honest and straight,” he says in the film. “That’s like Don Quixote fighting windmills.” The ascetic anthropologist of New York’s streets calls fashion “the armor to survive the reality of everyday life.” But he doesn’t give a fig about his own clothes; he wears a simple uniform, a blue Paris street-sweeper’s shirt with pockets for his gear. He kept it on even as he was presented with the highest award of French culture. He also has a plastic poncho for rainy days that he patches up with duct tape. Cunningham started as a milliner with a shop in Carnegie Hall. “Ginger Rogers used to come and Joan Crawford,” he recalls. “Marilyn Monroe was

one. And I had no interest because they weren’t stylish.” He only cares about “birds of paradise” with daring styles as opposed to “cookie-cutter sameness.” Before he was evicted by the coldhearted brass at Carnegie Hall, who wanted more office space, he had a tiny apartment filled with file cabinets and a cot, with a bathroom in the hall. He goes to church every Sunday to “repent,” but he seems oblivious to celebrity, money, sex, food and cars. He’s on his 29th bicycle, cheerfully noting, “I’ve had 28 stolen.” □



By **DAVID BROOKS**  
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Everybody has questions and anxieties about our policy in Libya. My own position is this: I oppose the policy the Obama administration has described in various public statements. I support the policy the administration is actually executing. The policy the administration publicly describes is constricted and implausible. The multilateral force would try to prevent a humanitarian disaster from the air, but then it remains maddeningly ambiguous about what would happen next: what our goals are; what our attitude toward the Gadhafi regime is; what an exit strategy might be. Fortunately, the policy the Obama administration is actually implementing is more flexible and thought-through. It starts with the same humanitarian purpose. People sometimes think of President Barack Obama as a cool, hyper-rational calculator, but in this case he was motivated by a noble, open-hearted sentiment: that the U.S. cannot sit

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## The defection track

by and watch tens of thousands of people get massacred when it has the means to prevent it. Obama took this decision, I’m told, fully aware that there was no political upside while there were enormous political risks. He took it fully aware that we don’t know much about Libya. He took it fully aware that if he took this action he would be partially on the hook for Libya’s future. But he took it as an American must — motivated by this country’s historical role as a champion of freedom and humanity — and with the awareness that we simply could not stand by with Russia and China in opposition. In this decision, one could see the same sensitive, idealistic man who wrote “Dreams From My Father.” As president, of course, one also has to think practically. The president and the secretary of state reached a hardheaded conclusion. If Moammar Gadhafi is actively slaughtering his own people, then this endeavor cannot end with a cease-fire that allows him to remain in power. Regime change is the goal of U.S. policy. There are three plausible ways he might go, which inside the administration are sometimes known as the Three Ds. They are, in ascending order of likelihood: Defeat — the ragtag rebel army vanquishes his army on the battlefield; De-

parture — Gadhafi is persuaded to flee the country and move to a villa somewhere; and Defection — the people around Gadhafi decide there is no future hitching their wagon to his, and, as a result, the regime falls apart or is overthrown. The result is a strategy you might call Squeeze and See. The multilateral forces ratchet up the pressure and watch to see what happens. The Western nations are reaching out to senior Libyan figures to encourage defection (the foreign minister has already split, and more seem to be coming). There is an effort to broadcast television signals into Libya to rival state TV. In the liberated areas, the multilateral alliance is sending aid to build civil society and organize the political opposition. The U.S. is releasing billions of confiscated Libyan dollars to the opposition to ensure its staying power. Eric Schmitt had a fabulous piece in The Times this week detailing what the air assault actually involves. It’s not just hitting Libyan air defenses. It also involves psychological warfare inducing Libyan soldiers to defect. It involves messing with Libyan communications systems, cutting off supply lines and creating confusion throughout the command structure. All of this is meant to send the signal that Gadhafi has no future. □

# Nicklaus pulling for Tiger record \_ well, sort of

Arnold Palmer, left, chats with Jack Nicklaus on the first hole during the Par 3 competition before the Masters golf tournament Wednesday, April 6, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

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### Ruling to take "couple of weeks"



DeMaurice Smith, former executive director of the NFL Players Association, applauds as he leaves the Federal Courthouse in St. Paul, Minn. Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Associated Press

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI  
AP Sports Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The federal judge overseeing the NFL players' request to lift a lockout by the owners said it will take "a couple of weeks" to rule. U.S. District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson, however, urged both sides to get back to the bargaining table.

Nelson heard arguments from lawyers for the players and NFL owners Wednesday in St. Paul.

The players say their careers are being irreparably harmed by the lockout.

The owners say Nelson doesn't have the jurisdiction to issue an injunction while there is a complaint before the National Labor Relations Board.

Nelson said she'd be happy to help facilitate a new bargaining session.

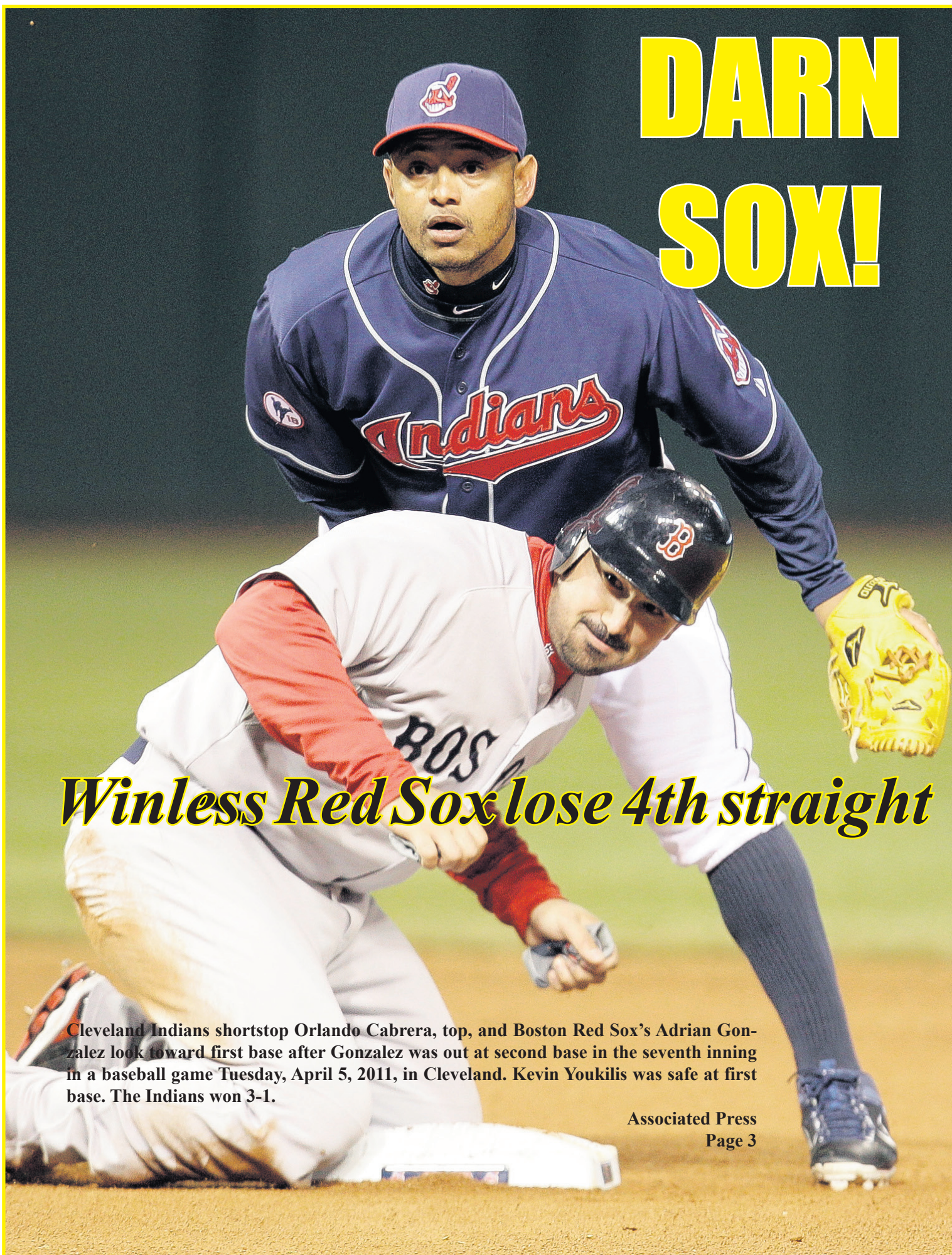
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## DARN SOX!

### Winless Red Sox lose 4th straight

Cleveland Indians shortstop Orlando Cabrera, top, and Boston Red Sox's Adrian Gonzalez look toward first base after Gonzalez was out at second base in the seventh inning in a baseball game Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Cleveland. Kevin Youkilis was safe at first base. The Indians won 3-1.

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## South Korea enters America's Cup for 1st time

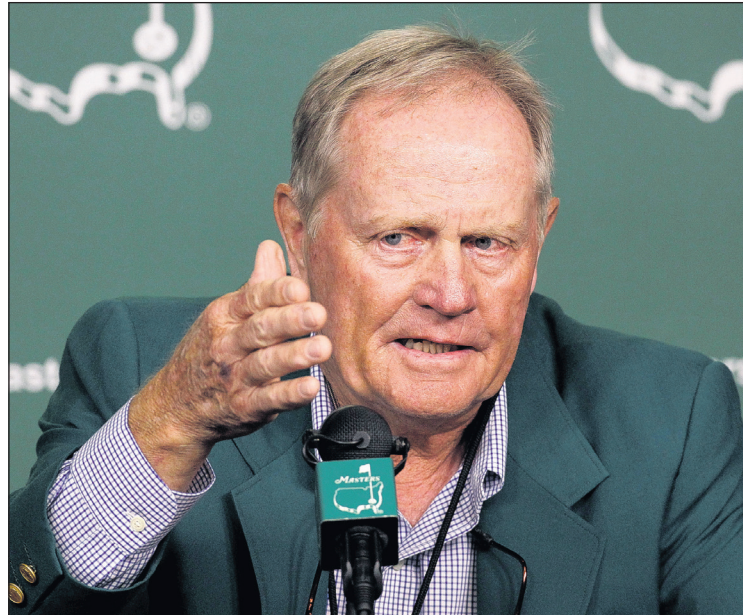
BERNIE WILSON  
AP Sports Writer

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — South Korea has entered the America's Cup for the first time, one of two teams from Asia that will challenge for the oldest trophy in international sports in 2013 on San Francisco Bay. Team Korea, representing the Sail Korea Yacht Club, will be known as the White Tiger Challenge.

Team Korea's founder is Dong Young-kim, an accomplished sailor and the organizer of the Korea Match Cup, which has one of the biggest payouts in sailing.

"Now it is Korea's turn to enter this famous competition for the first time, at the start of what will prove to be one of the biggest changes the Cup has ever seen, with these new high speed, radical, wing-sailed catamarans, designed to appeal beyond those already interested in sailing," Dong said in a statement. "This is a unique opportunity for us to create excitement around the sport in Korea, and introduce newcomers to the events through the awe-inspiring TV images we expect to see." □

# Nicklaus pulling for Tiger record — well, sort of



Six-time Masters champion Jack Nicklaus speaks during a news conference before start of the Masters golf tournament Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press

PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP National Writer

**AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP)** — If Tiger Woods wins his 19th major championship, Jack Nicklaus wants to be there to shake his hand. Put him at the head of the line, in fact. That said, the Golden Bear won't be all that unhappy if Woods comes up short. "Why would I want to give up my record?" Nicklaus said on

Tuesday, shortly after arriving at Augusta National and wearing the green jacket he earned for capturing six Masters titles. "Why would I say that?" Nicklaus used to say it was a mere formality that Woods would eclipse his record of 18 major titles. No one disagreed, especially after Woods hobbled to his 14th on one good leg at the 2008 U.S. Open. He was still in his early 30s.

There was plenty of time to knock out five more major titles, plenty of time to make his case as the greatest golfer ever. Then, it all fell apart for Woods. His marriage crumbled after revelations of numerous extramarital affairs. His golf game has yet to find its form as he tries to pull off yet another major swing change.

"I think Tiger will probably break my record," Nicklaus said. "I hope I'm around to see it if he does. But nobody wants to see their record broken." Heading into the first major of the year at the Masters, it's not a surefire bet that Woods will become the greatest major champion this sport has ever had.

"Last year was an important year," Nicklaus said, fully aware the 2010's biggest events were at courses that favored Woods' game. Augusta National. Pebble Beach. St. Andrews. All places where he's romped to dominating wins. "I knew if he won one or two, he would break the record more easily." Woods didn't win any. □

## IOC approves women's ski jumping for 2014 Games

STEPHEN WILSON  
AP Sports Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — After an unsuccessful legal battle for inclusion at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, women's ski jumping won its place Wednesday on the program for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

The International Olympic Committee executive board also approved the addition of men's and women's ski half-pipe, mixed relay in biathlon and team events in luge and figure skating.

"The inclusion of these events ... is sure to be appreciated by athletes and sports fans alike," IOC President Jacques Rogge said. "These are exciting, entertaining events that perfectly complement the existing events on the sports program, bring added appeal and increase the number of women participating at the games." Proposals for inclusion of slopestyle events in snowboard and freestyle skiing and a team Alpine skiing event were put on hold for further review. □



Cincinnati Reds' Brandon Phillips, right, slides safely across home past the tag by Houston Astros catcher Humberto Quintero in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Cincinnati. Phillips scored on a hit by Scott Rolen.

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Chris Heisey drove in three runs as the Cincinnati Reds took a patient approach at the plate in improving to 4-0 for the first time since their 1990 World Series championship season, beating the Houston Astros 8-2 on Tuesday. Heisey walked with the bases

loaded, was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, and singled home a run off J.A. Happ (0-1), who helped the league's top offense immensely. Mike Leake (1-0) allowed three hits and a pair of runs in six innings. The Astros fell to 0-4, the second year in a row they've

## NL Roundup

### Reds beat Astros 8-2, off to best start since '90

foundered at the start.  
**Brewers 1, Braves 0**

At Milwaukee, Yovani Gallardo threw a two-hitter as Milwaukee snapped a four-game losing streak to begin the season.

Gallardo (1-0) walked two and struck out two for the third shutout of his career. Two of the base runners were erased by double plays and no Braves runner reached second.

It was the best start by a Brewers starter since CC Sabathia threw a one-hitter in Pittsburgh on Aug. 31, 2008. Juan Nieves has the only no-hitter in franchise history in 1987.

**Mets 7, Phillies 1**

At Philadelphia, Chris Young pitched effectively into the sixth inning and became the first Mets pitcher with two hits in an inning, fueling a six-run

rally and helping New York beat Philadelphia.

The four-time National League East champion Phillies were trying for their first 4-0 start since 1915, but Cole Hamels (0-1) suffered through the second-worst start of his career and became the first of Philadelphia's four aces to lose this season.

David Wright tied a career best with four hits and Young (1-0) had a career game at the plate with three hits for the Mets, who are off to a 3-1 start — all on the road.

**Padres 3, Giants 1**

At San Diego, Aaron Harang pitched six strong innings in his debut with his hometown Padres, who won their home opener against skidding San Francisco.

The defending World Series

champion Giants, who eliminated the Padres from playoff contention on the last day of the 2010 season, have lost four of five.

Nick Hundley had three hits for the Padres and Heath Bell earned his second save.

**Rockies 3, Dodgers 0**

At Denver, Jhoulys Chacin scattered five hits over seven sharp innings and Troy Tulowitzki broke out of a hitting funk with a solo homer as Colorado blanked Los Angeles.

**In other NL Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 5; San Diego 3, San Francisco 1; N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 1; Cincinnati 8, Houston 2; Florida 3, Washington 2, 10 innings; Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 0; St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2; and Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 0.** □

## AL Roundup

# Winless Red Sox lose 4th straight, 3-1 to Indians

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Josh Tomlin outpitched Boston's Josh Beckett and Cleveland came up with just enough timely hits as the Indians kept the Red Sox winless so far this season with a 3-1 victory Tuesday.

Tomlin (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings, taming a star-studded Boston lineup that came in batting just .200.

Tony Sipp worked a perfect eighth before Indians closer Chris Perez made things interesting in the ninth. He gave up a one-out single to Dustin Pedroia and a two-out walk to Kevin Youkilis before retiring David Ortiz on a liner to left for his first save.

Texas 3, Mariners 2

At Arlington, Texas, Alexi Ogando pitched six scoreless innings in his first major league start and Josh Hamilton hit an RBI double as Texas remained undefeated.

The defending American League champion Rangers are the first team to five wins. The only other undefeated teams are Baltimore (4-0) and Cincinnati (4-0).

Ogando (1-0), a standout

reliever last season, struck out four and allowed only two hits in a matchup of first-time major league starters.

### Angels 5, Rays 3

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Jered Weaver won his second consecutive start, and Torii Hunter and Alberto Callaspo both had two RBIs as Los Angeles kept Tampa Bay winless.

Weaver (2-0), the Angels' opening day starter, allowed one run and three hits in 6 2-3 innings.

It is the first time since his rookie season in 2006 that he has started a year with consecutive victories.

Hank Conger hit his first career home run, connecting against Jeff Niemann (0-1). The defending AL East champion Rays fell to 0-4.

### Twins 5, Yankees 4

At New York, Joe Mauer hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning as Minnesota broke through in the Bronx, rallying past New York and overcoming a dominant outing by CC Sabathia.

Delmon Young blooped a three-run double in the eighth to tie it and Minnesota took

advantage of five walks by Yankees relievers in the last three innings. Matt Capps (1-0) got six straight outs and Joe Nathan earned his second save since missing last season following Tommy John surgery on his elbow.

### Royals 7, White Sox 6, 12 innings

At Kansas City, Melky Cabrera's RBI single scored Chris Getz from second in the 12th inning to give Kansas City its fourth straight win in its final at-bat.

Chris Getz singled leading off and was sacrificed to second and then Cabrera connected of Tony Pena (0-1) for his third hit of the game. Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) got two outs for the win in Kansas City's first four-game winning streak since September 2009.

The Royals bullpen threw six shutout innings after the White Sox scored four in the first off Luke Hochevar and took a 6-4 lead in the sixth.

Paul Konerko hit a three-run homer for Chicago and Alex Gordon had a homer and two doubles for Kansas City.

### Blue Jays 7, Athletics 6, 10 innings



Cleveland Indians' Jack Hannahan, top, looks toward first base after forcing out Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia in the fourth inning or a baseball game, Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Cleveland. Adrian Gonzalez was out at first base for the double play.

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At Toronto, Yunel Escobar hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to win it for Toronto. Josh Willingham hit a leadoff homer in the top the 10th to give Oakland a 6-5 lead. But Rajai Davis led off the bottom half with a single against Grant Balfour (0-1) and Escobar followed with a first-pitch homer that landed in the right field bullpen, his first of the season.

Blue Jays right-hander Jason Frasor (1-0) earned the win despite allowing Willingham's homer.

**In other AL games it was Angels 5, Tampa Bay 3; Cleveland 3, Boston 1; Minnesota 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 10 innings; Toronto 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings; Texas 3, Seattle 2; and Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 12 innings.** □

# No. 1 Wozniacki gets easy victory at Family Circle Cup

**PETE IACOBELLI**

**AP Sports Writer**

**CHARLESTON,** South Carolina (AP) — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki's latest trip to the Family Circle Cup began a lot better than the last one ended.

Wozniacki opened with a straight-set victory over American Irina Falconi on Wednesday. It was only a year ago that Wozniacki had to retire from a semifinal match against Vera Zvonareva because of an ankle injury when sliding on the green clay. This time, though, Wozniacki moved like the No. 1 player in dispatching Falconi, 6-1, 6-1. "I'm feeling good on clay, so it's exciting. It's always



Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, returns a shot against Irina Falconi during the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament, Wednesday April 6, 2011 in Charleston, S.C.

*Associated Press*

exciting to start here," Wozniacki said.

If Wozniacki had any bad memories of the Family Circle Tennis Center, she got rid of them quickly at the stadium court. She took a 5-0 lead, then after a brief rally by Falconi, took the final six games to close out the match. "She was playing good, but I felt like I could put that extra step into the ball," Wozniacki said. "I made the winners at the right chances."

Other early winners were No. 7-seeded Nadia Petrova of Russia and No. 10 Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia. Wozniacki one of three top-10 players taking part in the tournament. □

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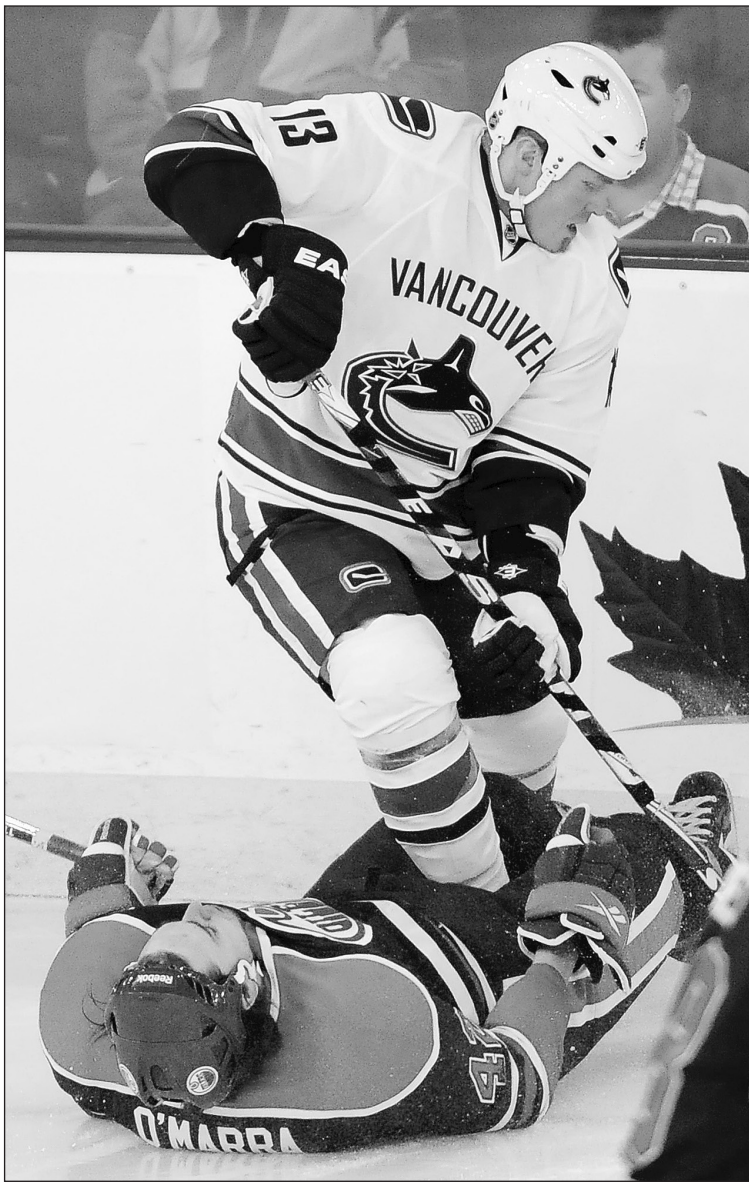
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Edmonton Oilers' Ryan O'Marra, bottom, collides with Vancouver Canucks Raffi Torres during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Edmonton, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

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## NHL Roundup

# Penguins move closer to home-ice, beat Devils 4-2

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Pascal Dupuis had two goals as the Pittsburgh Penguins moved closer to clinching home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs with a 4-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday.

Jordan Staal and Chris Kunitz also scored for the Penguins, who won their regular season home finale to move three points ahead of fifth-place Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference standings with two games to play.

The Lightning lost 4-2 at Buffalo.

Pittsburgh remained three points behind conference-leading Washington, which won 3-2 in a shootout at Toronto.

David Steckel and Brian Rolston scored for the Devils, who were officially eliminated from playoff contention with their defeat to Montreal on Saturday.

### Capitals 3, Maple Leafs 2

At Toronto, Mike Knuble scored in the fourth round of the shootout to lift Washington past Toronto.

Alex Ovechkin and John Erskine scored in regulation for the Capitals, who clinched the Southeast Division title for the fourth straight year and moved into first overall in the Eastern Conference.

Knuble had the only goal in the shootout.

Nikolai Kulemin and Joffrey Lupul scored for the Maple Leafs, whose postseason push ended when Buffalo beat Tampa Bay 4-2.

### Canadiens 2, Blackhawks 1

At Montreal, P.K. Subban scored a power-play goal at 1:19 of overtime and Montreal clinched a playoff spot.

Carey Price made 42 saves for Montreal, which went on a 4-on-3 advantage 37 seconds into the extra period when Chicago captain Jonathan

Toews was called for hooking Subban in the Canadiens' zone.

Subban drove a slap shot past Corey Crawford after Montreal coach Jacques Martin used his timeout going into the overtime. The rookie Canadiens defenseman turned and skated towards Price, who checked Subban to the ice as the Canadiens gathered around their teammates to celebrate their return to the postseason.

Michael Cammalleri scored in the second for Montreal.

### Predators 6, Thrashers 3

At Nashville, Tennessee, Jordin Tootoo and Sergei Kostitsyn each had two goals and an assist as Nashville moved closer to clinching a playoff berth.

The Predators jumped to fourth in the West with 97 points, and they need only one more point in their final two games or a Dallas loss to clinch their sixth playoff berth in the past seven seasons.

Matt Halischuk had a goal and an assist, Mike Fisher added a power-play goal and Patric Hornqvist had three assists for Nashville.

Blake Wheeler scored twice in the third, and Nik Antropov also added a goal to pull the Thrashers within 6-3 at 17:10.

### Senators 5, Flyers 2

At Ottawa, Jason Spezza had a goal and three assists to lead Ottawa over Philadelphia.

Ryan Shannon and Bobby Butler each had a goal and an assist, and Nick Foligno and Milan Michalek also scored for Ottawa. Craig Andersen stopped 27 shots and Filip Kuba added two assists.

## RULING

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The lockout was imposed by owners three weeks ago after negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement broke off. Named plaintiffs Mike Vrabel, Ben Leber, Vincent Jackson, Brian Robison

and Von Miller were joined in court by veterans Tony Richardson and Charlie Batch and Hall of Famer Carl Eller. Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees, the three highest profile plaintiffs, did not attend. The court appearance was the first round between the NFL and its locked-out

players in their legal fight over the future of the \$9 billion business — including the 2011 season. When Nelson makes her decision, she could side with the players and grant the injunction, putting pro football back in business. Or she could side with the owners and either deny the injunc-

tion or wait to decide until the NLRB rules on the league's contention that decertification was an improper bargaining ploy. The winner would have leverage whenever talks resume on a new CBA. However, whatever Nelson decides likely will be appealed.

The players say the lockout is causing "irreparable harm" to their careers. The injunction request accompanies the anti-trust lawsuit filed against the league after labor talks broke down on March 11.

"All of these players are being affected every day by being locked out," James Quinn, a lawyer for the players, argued Wednesday. □



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## NBA Roundup

# Rondo helps Celtics past 76ers

**BOSTON (AP)** — Rajon Rondo scored 16 points with 13 assists as the Boston Celtics moved into a share of the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the Philadelphia 76ers 99-82 on Tuesday. With the win, the Celtics and Heat were tied at 54-23 with four games left. The Celtics would win the tiebreaker because they beat Miami in their first three meetings this season; the teams play again in Miami on Sunday. Paul Pierce scored 18 points, Kevin Garnett had 14 and Ray Allen had 13 for Boston. Nenad Krstic scored eight points in 18 minutes after missing two games with bruised right knee, and Jermaine O'Neal had nine points in 12 minutes as the Celtics try to find big men to fill in for Shaquille O'Neal.

### Thunder 101, Nuggets 94

At Denver, Kevin Durant scored 32 points as Oklahoma City beat Denver in a possible first-round playoff preview. Russell Westbrook added 18 points and James Harden 13 as the Thunder all but secured home-court advantage in the first round of the NBA playoffs, building a four-game lead over the Nuggets with five games left, including a rematch Friday night in Oklahoma City.

### Jazz 86, Lakers 85

At Los Angeles, rookie Gordon Hayward scored a career-high 22 points and hit the go-ahead free throw with 6 seconds to play as Utah snapped an eight-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles.

Kobe Bryant scored 20 points

and hit a tying 3-pointer with 16 seconds left, but fumbled the ball away on an ill-conceived drive at the buzzer. With their second straight loss following a 17-1 stretch, the Lakers might have lost the chance to catch San Antonio atop the Western Conference standings. The Spurs have a 3½-game lead with five games left for Los Angeles. Paul Millsap scored 22 points for the Jazz.

### Warriors 108, Trail Blazers 87

At Portland, Oregon, David Lee had 29 points and a season-high 20 rebounds as Golden State beat Portland. Monta Ellis added 30 points for the Warriors, who led by as many as 26 points. LaMarcus Aldridge had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers, who clinched a spot in the playoffs just before the half when the Houston Rockets lost 104-101 to Sacramento.

### Spurs 97, Hawks 90

At Atlanta, Tony Parker scored 26 points as San Antonio moved closer to home-court advantage in the playoffs by ending a four-game road losing streak. Manu Ginobili had 18 points and Tim Duncan had 17 for the Spurs, which began the night 2 1/2 games ahead of the Lakers in the race for the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

Joe Johnson had 21 points and Jamal Crawford had 20 for the Hawks.

### Bulls 97, Suns 94

At Chicago, Derrick Rose finished with 19 points and Luol Deng scored 18 as

Chicago continued to close in on the top seed in the Eastern Conference with a win over Phoenix. The Bulls lead Miami and Boston by three games, with the Celtics visiting Thursday.

The Bulls led by 13 at the half and 22 in the third, only to see Phoenix whittle it to two in the fourth quarter, before pulling out their 16th win in 18 games.

**In other NBA games it was San Antonio 97, Atlanta 90; Cleveland 99, Charlotte 89; New Jersey 107, Minnesota 105; Orlando 78, Milwaukee 72; Washington 107, Detroit 105; Boston 99, Philadelphia 82; New York 131, Toronto 118; Chicago 97, Phoenix 94; L.A. Clippers 82, Memphis 81; Sacramento 104, Houston 101; Oklahoma City 101, Denver 94; Golden State 108, Portland 87; and Utah 86, L.A. Lakers 85. □**

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Sacramento Kings forward DeMarcus Cousins (15) is fouled by Houston Rockets center Chuck Hayes (44) in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Houston.

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# HEALTH

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*In New York City*

## Abortion foes' tactics highlight a high rate



Felicia Morris-Bolar, center director of Planned Parenthood in the Bronx, N.Y., works in her office with a view from her window of the EMC Pregnancy Center signage.

By **CRISTIAN SALAZAR**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** – Ciara Guernon was in a troubled relationship and working three jobs when she learned she was pregnant. The 22-year-old began calling people to see if they would lend her money for an abortion. “I didn’t think I’d be a good mom,” she said.

Guernon ultimately decided to have the baby after a visit to the fervently anti-abortion EMC Frontline Pregnancy Center in Brooklyn, where she was shown her sonogram. The center, where young women and couples are directed to a room decorated with pictures of mothers to watch videos on prenatal development and abortion, is among a small number of pregnancy service organizations accused by abortion rights groups and city officials of misleading women about their reproductive health options and disguising themselves as medical clinics.

The debate between the centers and the city has renewed focus on the New York City’s abortion rate, at 41 percent among the highest in the country.

EMC Frontline Pregnancy Centers promotes itself as “Fighting for life in NYC the abortion capital of America.” In City Council testimony last month, Joan Malin, Planned Parenthood of New York City’s CEO, called the centers “anti-choice organizations masquerading as legitimate reproductive health care providers.”

Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed a law last month that mandates all pregnancy centers disclose what services they offer, including whether they have licensed medical staff and what they do to protect the privacy of clients. Abortion rights groups have backed the law.

Several of the centers have filed lawsuits to try to stop the law from going into effect, arguing it tramples on their free speech rights.

Often funded through donations and by charitable organizations and run by anti-abortion volunteers, the centers set up shop near clinics that provide abortions, sometimes even in the same building. □

## Babies born to obese moms face higher death risk

**UNITED KINGDOM** - Babies born to mothers who were obese in early pregnancy have a much greater risk of dying before, during, or up to one year after birth, a new British study says.

Researchers examined nearly 41,000 pregnancies involving deliveries of single babies at five maternity units in northern England from 2003 to 2005.

The risk of a baby dying in the womb or up to one year after birth was twice as high among women who were obese in early pregnancy than among those with normal weight.

There were nearly eight more fetal and infant deaths per 1,000 births among obese women than among women with normal weight. The total risk of fetal or infant death was 16 in every 1,000 births among obese women and nearly 9 per 1,000 births



Obese mom with daughter.

among normal weight women. The lowest risk was among women with a BMI of 23. BMI, or body mass index, is a ratio of weight to height. A BMI of 25 to 29.9 is considered overweight and a BMI of 30 or greater is considered obese.

The study was published April 5 in the journal *Human Reproduction*.

duction.

“There are likely to be a number of reasons why obesity is associated with fetal and infant death and we don’t yet know the full story,” study co-author Judith Rankin, a professor of maternal and perinatal epidemiology at Newcastle University, said in a journal news release. □

*Over past 3 years*

## Teen substance abuse on rise



Teen at public school buying drugs.

By **Wendell Marsh**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** – Substance abuse has trended upward among American teens over the past three years after a decade of declines, according to a report issued on Wednesday by the Partnership at Drug-free.org.

It said marijuana and ecstasy use among teens shows

marked increases while attitudes toward alcohol use have become more relaxed.

The study, sponsored by MetLife Foundation and the 22nd in an annual series, found that between 2008 and 2010 teens who said they had used marijuana in the past year climbed to 39 percent from 32 percent.

Between 2008 and 2010, teens who said they had used the “party” drug ecstasy in the past year increased to 10 percent from six percent.

The Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, which based its findings on a survey of around 2,500 high school students, found that 45 percent said they do not see a “great

risk” in heavy daily drinking, while 31 percent strongly disapprove of their peers getting drunk.

A total of 68 percent of those surveyed said they had had at least one drink in their lifetimes. Among them, the average age for that drink was 14. Sean Clarkin, director of strategy for the Partnership at Drugfree.org, which last year changed its name from the Partnership for a Drug Free America, said the normalization of drug use in social media, the proliferation and discussion of medical marijuana, and budget cuts to substance abuse prevention programs have contributed to the rise of substance use and abuse. □

# Planned wireless Internet network threatens GPS

JOELLE TESSLER  
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new, ultra-fast wireless Internet network is threatening to overpower GPS signals across the U.S. and interfere with everything from airplanes to police cars to consumer navigation devices.

The problem stems from a recent government decision to let a Virginia company called LightSquared build a nationwide broadband network using airwaves next to those used for GPS. Manufacturers of GPS equipment warn that strong signals from the planned network could jam existing navigation systems.

A technical fix could be expensive — billions of dollars by one estimate — and there's no agreement on who should pay. Government officials pledge to block LightSquared from turning on its network as scheduled this year unless they receive assurances that GPS systems will still work.

The stakes are high not only for the GPS industry and its users, but also for those who would use LightSquared's network. In approving it, the Federal Communications Commission seeks to boost wireless competition and bring faster and cheaper Internet connections to all Americans — even in remote corners of the country.

LightSquared and the FCC both insist the new network can co-exist with GPS systems. But device makers fear GPS signals will suffer the way a radio station can get drowned out by a stronger broadcast in a nearby channel. The problem, they say, is that sensitive satellite receivers — designed to pick up relatively weak signals coming from space — could be overwhelmed when LightSquared starts sending high-power signals from as many as 40,000 transmitters on the ground using the airwaves next door.

"The potential impact of GPS interference is so vast, it's hard to get your head around," said Jim Kirkland, vice president and general counsel of Trimble Navigation Ltd., which makes GPS systems. "Think

40,000 GPS dead spots covering millions of square miles in cities and towns throughout the U.S."

One of the biggest risks is to the GPS navigation systems used by about 40 percent of commercial and private planes. Backup systems that rely on ground-based radio signals are not as accurate and have coverage gaps. Some older private planes have no backup at all.

With GPS interference, a pilot "may go off course and not even realize it," said Chris Dancy, a spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

LightSquared's network could also undermine the Federal Aviation Administration's multi-billion-dollar program to upgrade the nation's air-traffic control system, which is based on World War II-era radar technology.

The new GPS-based system is more precise and lets planes fly more direct routes. That will save airlines time, money and fuel and cut pollution. It is also key to accommodating

projected increases in airline traffic by enabling planes to fly safely closer together.

Public-safety officials, too, are nervous about LightSquared because they rely on GPS to track and dispatch police cars, fire trucks and ambulances. Many 911 systems also use GPS to help locate people. Disruptions could delay responses to emergencies, said Harlin McEwen, an official with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Even the Pentagon has expressed concern as it relies on GPS to guide planes, ships, armored vehicles, weapons and troops.

LightSquared plans to compete nationally with super-fast, fourth-generation wireless services being rolled out by the likes of AT&T and Verizon Wireless. It won't sell directly to consumers, though. Instead, LightSquared will provide network access to companies including Leap Wireless, parent of the Cricket phone service, and Best Buy, which will rebrand the service under its own name.



In this May 20, 2010 photo, a salesman shows some of the most popular GPS units available at a store in Denver. A newly approved wireless Internet network is threatening to overpower GPS signals across the country, crippling a technology that is engrained in our daily lives.

*Associated Press*

LightSquared has its roots as a satellite-phone operator, so its airwaves historically have been reserved primarily for satellite communications. FCC rules adopted in 2003 allowed the company to back up those signals with ground-based wireless service, but only to fill in coverage gaps. In January, however, the FCC

gave LightSquared permission to use its airwaves for a broader, conventional wireless data network. Although the company will continue to offer satellite service, it plans to cover at least 92 percent of Americans by 2015 with high-power wireless signals transmitted by base stations on earth. □

## Weird and wacky: Inventors show off their devices



French Jean Marc Batard presents his invention a vertical garden which allows elderly people to garden. It can also be used by people who love gardening but cannot bend down at the 39th International Exhibition of Inventions, New Techniques and Products, in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

*Associated Press*

GENEVA (AP) — They say there's a gadget for just about everything. That now includes boots which detect radiation and a kangaroo tail for weary humans who'd like a rest but can't be bothered to sit down. These and a thousand other devices went on display

Wednesday at the world's biggest inventions fair, where exhibitors from 45 countries showed off their weird and wacky designs in Geneva in the hope of attracting investors or buyers.

Peyman Sarhadi of Iran showed off his "super smart

boot," which he hopes will become the Swiss army knife of footwear.

Equipped with sensors, it collects data on air temperature, humidity, location and the wearer's blood pressure, and then sends the information to a base camp. It can heat or cool the feet and can also measure radiation levels, a feat that might be useful given Iran's reputed nuclear ambitions — peaceful or otherwise.

Sarhadi claims the boot is already being tested by the Iranian army.

"It's useful," Sarhadi said in a remarkably understated sales pitch. Emanuele Lopopolo of Italy presented a portable backrest that allows its wearer to take a break from standing by leaning back onto a telescopic pole.

"The kangaroo can rest its weight on its tail, so we've made the same thing for humans," he said, reclining at a 60-degree angle while passing spectators did their best not to trip over the pole.

Miracle tinctures and obscure industrial equipment aside, visitors may find the most useful inventions include a mouthwash-dispensing toothbrush, a braille photocopier, a foldable tandem bike and a vertical garden.

Jean-Marc Batard said the idea to build his pyramid-like garden came from his experience running a retirement home, where many elderly people complained about not being able to pursue their love of gardening because it was too hard for them to bend down. □



## Rising oil prices beginning to hurt U.S. economy

**By PAUL WISEMAN**  
**AP Economics Writer**  
WASHINGTON — Just when companies have finally stepped up hiring, rising oil prices are threatening to halt the U.S. economy's gains. Some economists are scaling back their estimates for growth this year, in part because flat wages have left households struggling to pay higher gasoline prices. Oil has topped \$108 a barrel, the highest price since 2008. Regular unleaded gasoline now goes for an average \$3.69 a gallon, according to AAA's daily fuel gauge survey, up 86 cents from a year ago. The higher costs have been driven by unrest in Libya and other oil-producing Middle East countries, along with rising energy demand from a strengthening U.S. economy. Airlines, shipping companies and other U.S. businesses have been squeezed. The rising prices are further straining an economy struggling with high unemployment and a depressed housing market. "The surge in oil prices since the end of last year is already doing significant damage to the economy," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. Unlike other kinds of consumer spending, gasoline purchases provide less benefit for the U.S. economy. About half the revenue flows to oil exporting countries like Saudi Arabia and Canada, though U.S. oil companies and gasoline retailers also benefit. For consumers, more expensive energy siphons away money that would otherwise be used for household purchases, from cars to clothing and vacations.

San Diego. "To the extent they're having to spend more on gasoline, they have to make cutbacks elsewhere." Two-thirds of Americans say they expect rising gasoline prices to cause hardship for them or their families in the next six months, according to a new Associated Press-GfK Poll. The telephone poll conducted March 24-28 had a sampling error margin of plus or minus 4.2 percentage points. Seventy-one percent say they're cutting back on other expenses to make up for higher pump prices. Sixty-four percent say they're driving less. And 53 percent say they're changing vacation plans to stay closer to home. "I try to leave the car parked at home all day Saturday," says Curt Lindsay, who commutes an hour each way to his job as a computer systems administrator outside Washington, D.C. "I'd rather not spend the money on gasoline." Since gasoline prices topped \$3 a gallon, Lindsay has also been trying to drive more slowly to con-



In this March 31, 2011 photo, gas prices are reflected on an SUV at a gas station in Los Angeles. For consumers, more expensive energy siphons away money that would otherwise be used for household purchases, from cars and furniture to clothing and vacations.

*Associated Press*

serve fuel. His co-worker Albert Zaza canceled family trips to New York and Boston after the cost of filling up his Honda CRV surged from \$35 to \$47. Zaza spends four to five hours in traffic each day and has to fill up every other day. Rising fuel prices are pinching businesses too. In Tipton, Iowa, Grasshopper Lawn Care is tacking 5 percent onto customers' bills to compensate for higher fuel costs. The company has to buy more than 8,000 gallons of gasoline a year. It plans to keep the surcharge until gasoline prices dip back below \$3 a gallon, owner Dan Kessler says. The oil shock and global instability are diluting the benefits of an improving job market. The unemployment rate, though still high, is at a two-year low. And the economy has just produced the strongest two months of hiring since before the recession began. Bernard Baumohl, chief economist at the Economic Outlook

Group, has slashed his estimate for growth this year to 2.8 percent from 3.5 percent. In 2010, the economy grew 2.9 percent. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of the economy. After adjusting for inflation and for seasonal factors, consumers spent 0.3 percent more in February than in January. But that's unlikely to last. Gasoline prices are surging just as inflation-adjusted incomes are falling. More expensive gas is draining much of the cash Americans are receiving from a cut in Social Security taxes this year. Zandi estimates that higher oil prices shaved 0.5 percentage point from growth in the January-March quarter. He predicts the economy grew 2.6 percent during the quarter. If oil prices average \$100 a barrel for the year, Zandi says, growth will be 0.3 percentage point lower than if prices had stayed at last year's level — an average of less than \$80 a barrel. A few months of \$125-a-barrel oil would slash

economic growth by a full percentage point, Zandi says. And a few months at \$150 a barrel could push the economy back into recession. Surging oil prices don't hurt everybody in the United States. Oil companies, for example, stand to gain. In 2008, Exxon Mobil Corp. earned \$45 billion — a record for a U.S. company — after oil prices hit a record \$150 a barrel. Oil services companies such as Halliburton Co., Schlumberger Ltd. and Baker Hughes Inc. also benefit as the oil industry rushes to find and produce more oil. And the products of biodiesel and other alternative energy companies become more competitive the higher oil prices go. □

## Toyota sells 1 millionth Prius hybrid in U.S.

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**  
DETROIT (AP) — The Toyota Prius hybrid, once viewed as a science experiment for environmentalists, has become a mainstream vehicle in the United States, with the company selling more than a million of the cars nationwide. Toyota announced Wednesday that it had passed the million sales milestone, helped by brisk sales recently as U.S. gasoline prices continued to rise toward \$4 per gallon. The Prius, which is powered by both a gasoline engine and an electric motor, gets an estimated 51 miles per gallon in the city and 48 on the highway. Aside from electric vehicles, it is the most fuel-efficient car in the U.S., according to the Environmental Protection Agency. "Prius paved the way for hybrids," Bob Carter, Toyota Division group vice president and general manager in the U.S., said in a statement. Toyota began selling the Prius 11 years ago when gas prices were low. At first it was a car for the environmentally conscious, but as prices spiked during the decade, its popularity increased. In the first quarter of this year, Toyota already has sold nearly 43,000, which is 52 percent more than at the same time last year, ac-



In this file photograph taken June 27, 2010, Toyota Prius sedans are lined up at a dealership in the west Denver suburb of Lakewood, Colo. Toyota said Wednesday, April 6, 2011, it has sold one million Prius hybrids in the United States.

*Associated Press*

cording to Autodata Corp. In 2010, the company sold more than 140,000 Priuses. Prius sales worldwide topped 2 million last year, and Toyota said its total global hybrid vehicle sales passed the 3 million mark in last month. "Prius has become synonymous with the word hybrid, and as we see fuel prices starting to rise again, it has accounted for more than 60 percent of hybrid passenger car sales so far this year," Carter said. Some Toyota dealers have been reporting that Priuses are in now in short supply because of high demand and factory outages in Japan due to the March 11 earthquake. □

## Cuba reports sugar production to be akin to 2010

**CALIMETE, Cuba (AP)** — Cuban officials say 2011 sugar production will be similar to or slightly higher than last year's total — described at the time as the island's worst in more than a century. Sugar Ministry expert Osiris Quintero says the harvest is nearly complete and production is expected to be slightly above forecasts. He says it will about the same as the 1.1 million tons produced in 2010. Cuba's former sugar minister was ousted last May after the government reported its worst sugar harvest since 1905. Sugar once dominated Cuba's economy but has now fallen behind tourism and nickel mining. Still, President Raul Castro and other officials are pushing for improved productivity. They say that is the key to boosting Cuba's sluggish economy. □

## Dish's Blockbuster buy may mean brand's survival

**MAE ANDERSON**  
**AP Retail Writer**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Dish Network Corp. said Wednesday that it won the auction for Blockbuster Inc. with a bid valued at \$228 million in cash. But whether the satellite TV provider can use movie-rental chain Blockbuster's brand, stores and streaming-video capabilities to create services more relevant to the age of Netflix and Hulu remains to be seen. Dish, headed by billionaire Charles Ergen, won a two-day bankruptcy auction for Blockbuster that stretched into the early hours of Wednesday morning. Dish has so far been mum about specific plans for Blockbuster, but in its announcement, the company highlighted the 1,700 stores that will remain and "multiple methods of delivery." Dish spokeswoman Francie



In this file photo taken Feb. 23, 2011, three Dish Network satellite dishes are shown at an apartment complex in Palo Alto, Calif. Dish Network Corp. said Wednesday, April 6, 2011, it won the auction for Blockbuster Inc. with a bid valued at \$228 million in cash.

*Associated Press*

Bauer said the Englewood, Colorado-based company would not comment further since the deal must receive

bankruptcy court approval. A hearing for that approval is set for Thursday. Dish expects the deal to close in the second quarter. Satellite TV providers have been losing new subscribers as cheaper alternatives like Hulu and Netflix become more popular. Ergen has in past calls with analysts praised Netflix, which offers unlimited streaming video at a monthly price along with a DVD-by-mail service. Acquiring Blockbuster will make Dish a more viable competitor in streaming video online. It's doing so at a price easily affordable for Dish, which had nearly \$3 billion in cash as of Dec. 31. Dish also recently picked up satellite provider DBSD North America, which was also reorganizing under bankruptcy protection, for \$1 billion. "Ergen continues to look for distressed assets selling at bargain prices," said RBC Capital Markets analyst Ryan Vineyard. Blockbuster "could transform Dish into a much more viable online competitor than it is now." □

## Copper prices climb on global expectations

**By SANDY SHORE**  
**AP Business Writer Sandy**  
Copper prices rose Wednesday on expectations that global demand will remain brisk and supplies will tighten. Copper prices settled up 2.5 percent, leading most metals higher. Oil rose slightly while other energy and agricultural products were mixed. The improving global economy is expected to drive more demand this year for copper, which is used in manufacturing an array of products from electronics to construction materials. While global copper inventories have risen, overall supplies are expected to remain tight, BNP Paribas analyst Stephen Briggs said. Analyst Nikos Kavalis with GFMS Ltd., a London metals research firm, said investor interest in copper has picked up because of supply-demand expectations. However, he noted in a forecast issued Wednesday that prices could fall if there is an impact on demand from Europe's financial problems, China's monetary policy, industrial production outlooks in key markets or other geopolitical events. Copper and other commodities benefited from a weaker dollar. Since most commodities are priced in dollars, they become more of a bargain for buyers who use other currencies. Copper for May delivery rose 10.55 cents to

settle at \$4.37 a pound. July platinum added \$1 to settle at \$1,797.80 an ounce while June palladium fell \$8.50 to settle at \$784.60 an ounce. Gold and silver continued to post gains. Gold for June delivery added \$6 to settle at \$1,458.50 an ounce and silver gained 20.4 cents to \$39.387 an ounce. In other trading, oil benefited from the weaker dollar. The price has been gaining steadily for weeks because traders are worried supplies may be disrupted by uprisings in Libya and other countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Libya produces nearly 2 percent of the world's oil, and an extended shutdown could threaten the production capacity of other OPEC members that are covering some of the shortage. Benchmark crude for May delivery rose 49 cents to settle at \$108.83 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In other Nymex contracts for May, heating oil added 0.62 cent to settle at \$3.1912 per gallon, gasoline fell 0.84 cent to \$3.1929 per gallon and natural gas lost 8.5 cents to \$4.146 per 1,000 cubic feet. In contracts for May delivery, wheat fell 4 cents to settle at \$7.8225 a bushel, corn fell 3.75 cents to \$7.63 a bushel and soybeans rose 3.25 cents to \$13.765 a bushel. □

## 'Arthur' gets neutered in Brand's hands



In this film publicity image released by Warner Bros. Pictures, Russell Brand is shown in a scene from 'Arthur.'

By DAVID GERMAIN  
Associated Press

Put an infinite number of studio executives in a room and sooner or later, one will green-light a truly good remake of a classic film. Sadly, Russell Brand's "Arthur" isn't it, though it's at least a benign bit of fluff that should please younger audiences unfamiliar with the 1981 comedy, even if purists who adore the original may hate this version. "Arthur" is respectful of and faithful to Dudley Moore's original maybe too much so. The filmmakers tweak things here and there to modernize the story and fit the persona of drunken, debauched, billionaire man-child onto Brand

(not surprisingly, it's no stretch for the British comic with the party-boy past). Yet the alterations are mostly cosmetic, including the big one, changing the sex of Arthur's stern but loving guardian Hobson from a man (John Gielgud as Moore's butler in the original) to a woman (Helen Mirren as Brand's nanny). Despite Mirren's estimable presence, the new "Arthur" has little of its own to offer. It's the same story, told with much less heart: Rich boy meets poor girl, rich boy's mom orders him into a financially acceptable arranged marriage or be cut off from his fortune, rich boy continues to dally with poor girl on the side

while trying to determine if he can live as a pauper. Like almost every remake, the movie has no reason to exist, other than to cash in with today's fans, few of whom would bother to check out the far-superior original from ancient times of 30 years past. Making his big-screen debut, director Jason Winer (TV's "Modern Family") and screenwriter Peter Baynham (a writing collaborator of Sacha Baron Cohen) stuff "Arthur" with too many cute, cloying moments.

The gags crafted to showcase the hedonism and abandon of Arthur are not funny (dressing himself as Batman and his chauffeur as Robin, then tearing up Manhattan's streets in his own Batmobile, or handing out cash from an ATM to strangers and declaring the recession over. No great laughs here).

And while Mirren and Brand, who co-starred in the actress' gender-bending take on Shakespeare's "The Tempest" last year, form a pleasant surrogate mother-and-son relationship, it's a soft and mushy one, overloaded with sentiment and lacking the bite that Gielgud brought to his Academy Award-winning role. □



Billy Crystal, left, and Helen Mirren are shown in a scene from the web video, 'Grampires: When Sharon Bit Harry,' released on the comedy website.

## Crystal in 'When Harry Met Sally Web' video

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Billy Crystal's "When Harry Met Sally..." has finally gotten a sequel in a new Web video that mixes in a bit of "Twilight."

Crystal debuted his first video for the comedy website FunnyOrDie.com on Wednesday. In it, he and director Rob Reiner pitch a sequel to the 1989 film.

A studio executive, played by Adam Scott, requests one tweak to Crystal's plans: vampires. A trailer for the mock results follows, with Crystal falling for another woman, Sharon played by Helen Mirren in a retirement community.

Sharon, though, turns out to be a bloodsucking vampire. The film is dubbed "Grampires: When Sharon Bit Harry."

"I'm working in miniature now," said Crystal in a phone interview Wednesday. "I did 2 minutes on the Oscars and 4 minutes on FunnyOrDie and a lot of people see it."

The 4 1/2-minute video gives Crystal wide room to spoof the recent vampire resurgence in pop culture and a Hollywood desperate to follow the trend by marrying ghoulish maulings with old-age romance. A number of stars make cameos including Maya Rudolph, Rob Riggle and even Mike Tyson. □

## 'Soul Surfer' waters down shark attack

By CHRISTY LEMIRE  
Associated Press

Watching "Soul Surfer," the story of Bethany Hamilton's comeback after a shark attack, makes you long for a vivid documentary on the subject instead preferably one of those excellent "30 for 30" offerings from ESPN. Hamilton's tale is, of course, inspiring. In 2003, when she was just 13 years old, she lost her left arm to a 14-foot tiger shark while surfing near her Hawaiian home. An up-and-comer in the sport, she wanted to get back on her board as soon as possible. A month later, she was in the water again. Now, at 21, she continues to compete professionally. "Soul Surfer" takes that story of complex emotions, de-

termination and faith and turns it into overly simplistic mush. Director and co-writer Sean McNamara's film is an uncomfortable combination of pat, feel-good platitudes, two-dimensional characters, cheesy special effects and generically idyllic scenery.

The script from McNamara and three other writers, based on Hamilton's own memoir, features obvious establishing voiceover lines like, "We spent more time wet than we did dry" and "Surfing is my passion my way of life." After the attack, in case we couldn't figure out for ourselves how incredibly brave Hamilton is, a longtime family friend says, "You are incredibly brave, Bethany." A doctor also chimes in: "She is



Anna Sophia Robb is shown in a scene from 'Soul Surfer.'

a living miracle."

AnnaSophia Robb, who stars as Hamilton, cuts through some of the gooey tedium with a naturally athletic presence and no-nonsense attitude (and the star of "Bridge to Terabithia" and "Race to Witch Mountain" does much of her own surfing). But "Soul Surfer" consistently tries to make her transformation as easily digestible as possible. □

## Grammys drop more than 30 categories

By NEKESA MUMBI  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Men and women will compete head-to-head, some of the more exotic awards like best Native American album and best spoken-word children's record have been eliminated, and the number of categories has been reduced by more than 30 in the biggest overhaul in the 53-year history of the Grammys.

While no musical genres will be excluded from Grammy contention, the changes will make the awards a lot more competitive. "It ups the game in terms of what it takes to receive a Grammy and preserves the great esteem of with its held in the creative community, which is the most important element," Recording Academy President and CEO Neil Portnow said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

While the Academy has adjusted its rules and adapted to industry changes over the years, these changes follow its first major examination of the awards structure, a process that took more than a year. □

# 6th century folio sets Islamic auction record

LONDON – A 16th century illustrated portfolio from the “Shahnameh” (“Book of Kings”) of Shah Tahmasp of Persia, fetched 7.4 million pounds on Wednesday, a new auction record for an Islamic work of art.

The leaf from the Persian national epic depicts Faridun in the guise of a dragon testing his sons, and comes from the collection of Stuart Cary Welch, the renowned U.S. scholar, curator and collector of Islamic and Indian art.

It was sold in London at Sotheby’s in the first sale of a two-part auction of Welch’s collection. The second part will take place in London in May. The auctioneer said the Shahnameh was “universally acknowledged as one of the supreme illustrated manuscripts of any period or culture and among the greatest works of art in the world.” It had been expected to fetch 2-3 million pounds.

The sale price, which includes buyer’s premium, eclipsed the previous Islamic art auc-



A copy of a page from the “Shahnameh” (“Book of Kings”) is seen in this undated photograph received in London.

tion record set at rival auction house Christie’s last year, when a 17th century Kirman “vase” carpet from Persia fetched 6.2 million pounds. Sotheby’s did raise 9.2 million pounds in 2008 for what was believed at the time to be a 12th century key to the Kaaba in Mecca, but the sale was canceled the following year after experts raised questions about its authenticity. □

# Weinsteins settle in “Scream 4” lawsuit

By Matthew Belloni  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES – “Scream 4” will hit theaters on April 15 without the specter of a lawsuit hovering over the horror sequel.

Distributor the Weinstein Co. has paid to settle a \$3 million lawsuit filed by producer Cathy Konrad, who claimed she was booted from the fourth installment on the franchise after it was developed behind her back.

Terms of the settlement, which was reached months ago but has gone unreported until now, have not been disclosed. However, sources told The Hollywood Reporter that Konrad was getting a cash payment and a very small portion of any profits from the film.

Konrad sued Bob and Harvey Weinstein last May, claiming



In this publicity image released by The Weinstein Company, David Arquette, left, and Courteney Cox are shown in a scene from the horror film ‘Scream 4.’

she was responsible for the development of the “Scream” franchise and was entitled to a first opportunity to produce any sequels on the same financial terms as 2000’s “Scream 3,” for which she received a guaranteed \$550,000 plus \$100,000 bonuses for domestic box office targets of \$75 million, \$100 million, \$110 million and \$125 million. □



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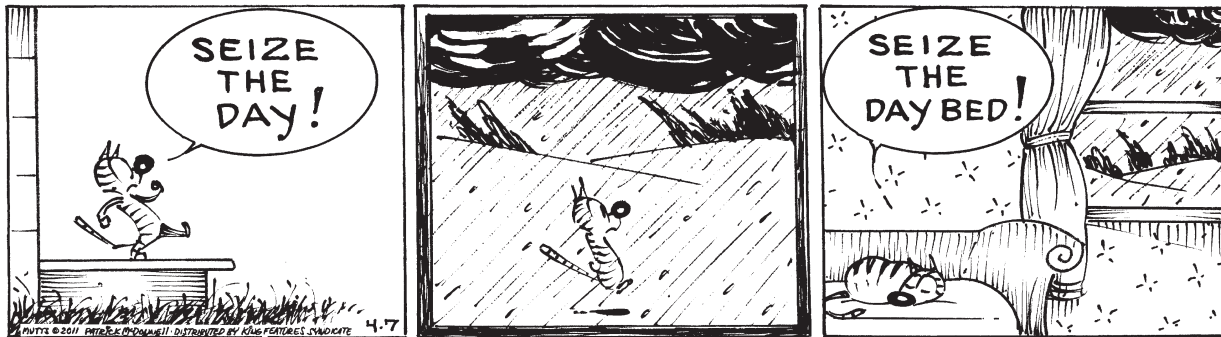
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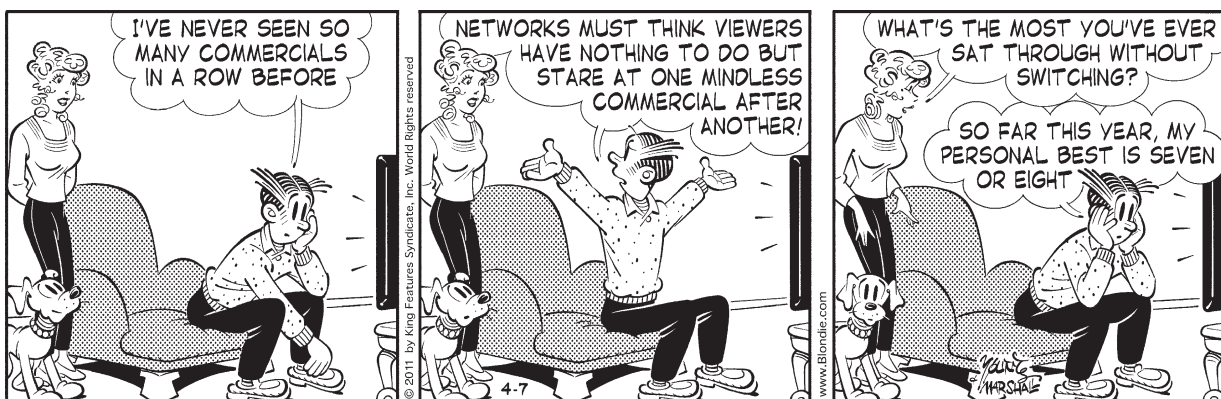
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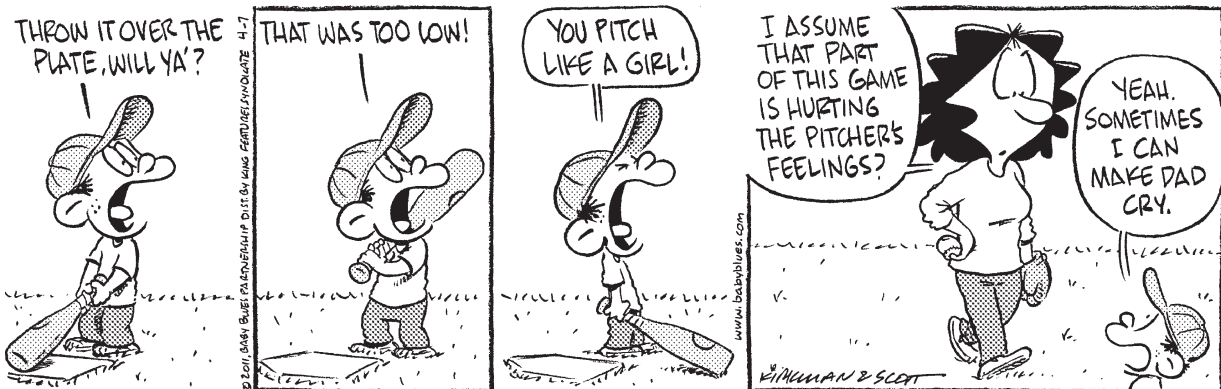
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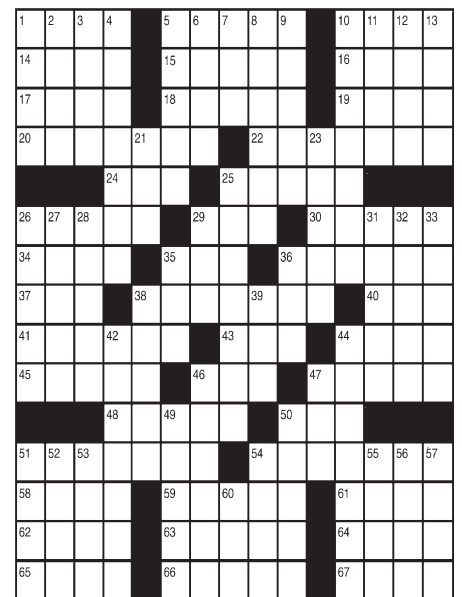
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	8	5	2	3	4	7	1	6
4	6	2	9	7	1	8	3	5
3	9	8	4	2	5	6	7	1
7	4	6	3	1	8	5	2	9
2	5	1	7	6	9	3	4	8

**ACROSS**

- 1 Soil
  - 5 Take \_\_; undo
  - 10 Ears of corn
  - 14 "Take \_\_ leave it!"
  - 15 Measuring stick
  - 16 Butter substitute
  - 17 Flower holder
  - 18 Foe
  - 19 Actor Sean \_\_
  - 20 Out of one's \_\_; in an unfamiliar area
  - 22 Lends a hand
  - 24 Sheep's cry
  - 25 "Same for me!"
  - 26 Passed out cards
  - 29 Actor \_\_ Affleck
  - 30 Dollars abroad
  - 34 Give a value to
  - 35 Blower
  - 36 Within the house
  - 37 In the past
  - 38 Nation whose capital is Rabat
  - 40 Clamor
  - 41 Epee wielder
  - 43 Foot digit
  - 44 Prolonged spat
  - 45 Pattern of tire grooves
  - 46 Piece of turkey
  - 47 Prepares leftovers
  - 48 TV's Soupy \_\_
  - 50 Scientist's workshop
  - 51 Brought up the rear
  - 54 Frighten
  - 58 Brass instrument
  - 59 One more time
  - 61 Concept
  - 62 Ticklish Muppet
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  - 64 Happy as a \_\_
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  - 67 \_\_ up; arranges
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- 42 Many las Vegas buildings
- 44 Dressmaker's purchases
- 46 Account book
- 47 Major conflict
- 49 Minimum
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**TOKYO (AP) —** The utility that owns the crippled Japanese nuclear reactor says that highly radioactive water has stopped leaking into the ocean. Tokyo Electric Power Co. spokesperson Naoki Tsunoda said Wednesday the company's attempt to stem the leak by injecting 1,500 liters (400 gallons) of "water glass," or sodium silicate, and another agent near a seaside pit where the water was leaking appeared to have been successful. The leak was discovered Saturday, and radiation of more than 7.5 million times the legal limit for seawater was found just off a tsunami-damaged nuclear plant. The water stopped leaking at 5:38 a.m. (2038 GMT) Tokyo time,...

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# UK astrophysicist wins \$1.6 million religion prize



British astrophysicist Martin Rees, poses in central London, Tuesday April 5, 2011.

Associated Press

RAPHAEL G. SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British astrophysicist known for his theories on the origin and the destiny of the universe has been honored with one of the world's leading religion prizes.

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Martin Rees, a 68-year-old expert on the extreme physics of black holes and the Big Bang, is the recipient of the 2011 Templeton Prize, the John Templeton Foundation announced Wednesday. The 1

million pound (\$1.6 million) award is among the world's most lucrative.

Dr. John M. Templeton, Jr. said that Rees — who professes no religious belief — was chosen because of the nature of his research, which he said invites everyone “to wrestle with the most fundamental questions of our nature and existence.”

Rees tried to tackle many of those fundamental questions during his just-finished tenure at the head of Britain's Royal Society, which saw the 350-year-old body discuss issues ranging from the disputed origins of life on Earth to the possibility of eventually discovering life elsewhere.

In an interview at a London hotel ahead of the prize announcement, Rees told The Associated Press that he was attracted to “big questions which we can't answer.”

One of the biggest has been posed by scientists who wonder why it is that the physical laws of the universe seemed perfectly calibrated to support human life. Even a slight tweaking of what scientists call universal constants could so alter the cosmos as to make it uninhabitable.

In one of his books, “Just Six Numbers,” □

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In this image released by the FBI, one of the sheets of paper with a coded message found in Ricky McCormick's pocket when his body was found in a Missouri cornfield in the summer of 1999 has been released by the FBI's top code-breaking unit in hopes that someone will be able to break the code. The FBI has been working trying to break the code on and off since 2001.

Associated Press

## FBI wants public to help break murdered man's code

JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lifelong fan of codes, Ricky McCormick wrote out two pages of letters, numbers and symbols and stuck them in his pocket. His body was found in a Missouri cornfield in the summer of 1999, those two sheets of paper still in his pants.

ALPONTE GLSE - SE ERTE, one line read. Is that a coded plea for help? A reminder to pick up the laundry from the cleaners? The beginnings of a commentary on the weather in St. Louis? If you know, the FBI's top code-breaking unit

wants your help in breaking McCormick's code — one that has baffled government cryptologists for more than a decade — and perhaps solving his murder. Dan Olson, chief of the FBI Laboratory's Cryptanalysis & Racketeering Records Unit, said the papers found on the body of 41-year-old McCormick could be the key in figuring out why he was murdered.

But none of their cryptologists has been able to break the code created by McCormick, a high school dropout, even after years of work, Olson said. So the FBI is turning to the public for help, hoping that someone out there recognizes the code used by McCormick on the two papers posted by the agency at <http://1.usa.gov/evCb2i>.

Police said McCormick had experimented with codes and ciphers for much of his life.

“We asked the family, and they said he did it quite often,” said Lt. Craig McGuire of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department. □

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# Mujeres dirigen casi un tercio de hogares en Dominicana

**REPUBLICA DOMINICANA (AP)** - El 31,8% de hogares dominicanos está dirigido por mujeres, de las cuales 47% sólo estudió la primaria y 16% carece de empleo, según del observatorio del mercado laboral.

Las estadísticas basadas en la Encuesta Nacional de Fuerza de Trabajo 2000-2010, sobre los 2,7 millones de hogares dominicanos, fueron presentadas en la XII reunión de la Red de Observatorios del mercado laboral de Centroamérica y República Dominicana, que se cel-

ebra en Santo Domingo.

Representantes de los ministerios de Trabajo de la región analizan en el encuentro, que concluirá el viernes, las políticas de empleo y las metodologías que usarán para investigar el mercado laboral durante este año.

El ministro dominicano de Trabajo, Max Puig, insistió durante la cita que la mejor política social que pueden desarrollar los gobiernos de la región es la creación de empleos, especialmente para mujeres y para jóvenes.

El estudio del observatorio del mercado laboral dominicano mostró que 25,33% de todos los hogares está dirigido por mujeres solteras.

De las jefas de hogar que obtienen salarios o ingresos de forma regular, el 71,79% percibe menos de 10.000 pesos (264 dólares) insuficientes para adquirir la canasta básica.

Según cálculos difundidos el mes pasado por el Banco Central, el costo promedio de las cinco canastas básicas definidas en función de las clases

sociales es de 23.398 pesos (unos 619 dólares). La canasta básica destinada para el 20% de la población más pobre está valorada en 10.407 pesos (275 dólares), por lo que la mayoría de jefas de hogar no la puede adquirir.

La Red de Observatorios del mercado laboral está compuesta por todos los países de Centroamérica, Haití y República Dominicana y cuenta con el auspicio de la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT) y el gobierno de España. □

## Protesta por la visita de Álvaro Uribe a México



**MEXICO** - Primero en la embajada de Colombia, padres, familiares y amigos de los estudiantes mexicanos ultimados en 2008 en Sucumbíos, Ecuador, manifestaron su repudio contra el ex presidente colombiano Álvaro Uribe Vélez. Luego en la Procuraduría General de la República (PGR), los padres de los jóvenes asesinados, Soren Avilés, Juan González, Verónica Velázquez, Fernando Franco, y de la única sobreviviente, Lucía Morett, exigieron justicia y la detención —con base en la Constitución mexicana y el Código Federal de Procedimientos Penales— de Uribe, quien incurrió “en crímenes de lesa humanidad” al ordenar el bombardeo de un campamento de las FARC en esa provincia ecuatoriana donde se encontraban los jóvenes mexicanos.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

## Puma Energy abrirá gasolineras en Puerto Rico

**PUERTO RICO (AP)** - La compañía petrolera suiza Puma Energy abrirá este mes sus primeras gasolineras en Puerto Rico, lo que marcará un avance en el proceso de compra de Caribbean Petroleum Corp., dijeron ejecutivos el miércoles.

Seis estaciones de servicio existentes reabrirán con la marca de Puma en las ciudades de San Juan y Carolina, en la costa del norte, así como en la ciudad central de Utuado, de acuerdo con la gerente de ventas minoristas Merle Pastrana. Puma podría abrir eventualmente más de 140 gasolineras una vez que se complete la venta de los activos de Capeco, por 82 millones de dólares, añadió la ejecutiva.

Capeco se declaró en bancarrota el año pasado, después de que estallaron los tanques en su depósito de combustible en San Juan, obligando a la evacuación de cientos de personas en octubre del 2009. La compañía buscó vender todas sus instalaciones, incluidos seis ductos y una refinería de crudo que no estaba en operación.

Puma Energy entró al mercado mayorista de Puerto Rico hace dos años, como Puma Energy Puerto Rico, y posee una instalación de almacenamiento de combustible en Guaynabo, con una capacidad de 43.545 toneladas métricas. La compañía es una filial de Trafigura Beheer B.V. y opera al menos en 23 países. □

## Colombia: aprueban reparación víctimas a partir de 1985

**COLOMBIA (AP)** - Una comisión legislativa aprobó el miércoles que un proyecto de ley para la reparación de las víctimas del conflicto interno en Colombia contemple 1985 como el año a partir del cual las personas podrán hacer reclamaciones.

El proyecto de ley fue presentado personalmente por el presidente Juan Manuel Santos al Congreso el 27 de septiembre pasado y ya superó las dos votaciones necesarias en la Cámara de Representantes y sólo falta que la Comisión Primera del Senado termine de debatir y votar algunos artículos del proyecto para que éste pase al plenario de 102 senadores a recibir una ronda final de debates y votación. La Comisión Primera senatorial, o la encargada de asuntos constitucionales y paz, entre otros; aprobó con 10 votos a favor y uno en contra fijar el 1 de enero de 1985 como la fecha a partir de la cual se reconocerá a las víctimas del conflicto en Colombia, indicó el Senado en una nota en su página de internet.

El proyecto de ley contemplaba inicialmente que las víctimas fueran reconocidas sólo a partir de 1991, pero varios sectores legislativos presionaron por 1985 para así poder incluir a parientes de la sangrienta toma del Palacio de Justicia, ocurrida en noviembre de aquel año.

En la toma murió un centenar de personas, incluyendo magistrados de la Corte Suprema y los miembros del comando guerrillero del ya desmovilizado Movimiento 19 de Abril (M-19).

Movimientos de derechos humanos han reclamado que la fecha a partir de la cual debería reconocerse a las víctimas debería ser desde los años 40 porque allí comenzaron los enfrentamientos y ataques entre liberales y conservadores y posteriormente surgirían las guerrillas.

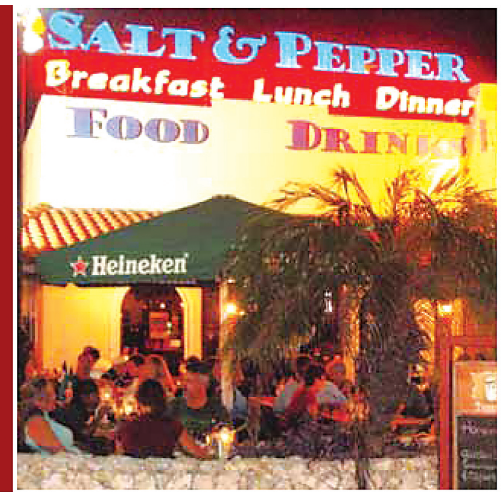
Uno de los promotores del proyecto de ley, el senador Juan Fernando Cristo, del Partido Liberal y que forma parte de la coalición de gobierno; ha dicho que esperar tener el proyecto aprobado a finales de mayo.

En este país, de 45,8 millones de habitantes, no existe una base nacional de datos que confirme cuántas han sido las víctimas del conflicto interno.

Pero sólo en el llamado “Registro Unico de Población Desplazada”, que lleva una agencia del gobierno, tiene inscritas a 3,6 millones de personas como desplazadas forzosamente de sus tierras por grupos armados ilegales desde al menos fines de los 90 y hasta este año. □



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